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Year in Review

Select Board choose new town manager

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Select Board had a busy year in 2024 hiring a new town manager, preparing for town meetings and elections, and considering resident requests.

It was January when they first received an update regarding the local elections scheduled for February and March from Town Clerk Beth Lawrenson. In February they signed the warrant for the presidential primary election.

Then Assistant Town Manager Susan Inman wrote to the board in January notifying them that a new process would begin this year as the Select Board was given authorization for fairs, bazaars, antique shoes, and carnivals. There was some confusion about when Select Board approval was necessary according to the town bylaw, which Inman clarified later in the month by stating that the Select Board acted as the "owner" only for the use of town property.

The board approved the 4th of July Committee's request to host the 4th of July celebration and to

put up promotional signs and restrict hawkers in March. In July, they approved requests to host Fall Fest and the Tree Lighting.

The board received the town manager's budget as provided by then acting Town Manager Lou Cimaglia to be approved by residents at the annual Town Meeting. Cimaglia presented the budget covering a range of department requests with modest increases, including the school department requested increase by 4.34% totaling over \$57 million. The total budget proposed was over \$133 million with an increase by 4.2% from the previous year.

The board considered making a Building Reuse Committee initially in January regarding buildings expected to be vacated, but they didn't vote on the creation of this committee until August. They received presentations on the Historical Commission preservation project and reviewed the Town Meeting warrant articles in February.

March brought interviews for the town manager candidates and the Select Board's unanimous vote to

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New Boston Street bridge at Wilmington line

National Grid needs more time for review

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBURN — With the infrastructure work key to forging ahead with the project, National Grid needs some extra time to review with the state its latest plans to move gas mains away from the future New Boston Street bridge layout.

During the City Council's final gathering of 2024 in City Hall, National Grid spokesperson Dianne Cuddy predicted she would need a few weeks time to go over the proposed re-routing of gas lines by the \$28 million bridge project by Anderson Regional Transportation Center and the MBTA's commuter rail tracks.

The council, which is being asked to issue a grant-of-location permit for the project, ultimately consented to the request and continued the public hearing until Jan. 7, 2025.

As previously discussed

with Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT) staffers, who are overseeing the major construction effort, National Grid plans to remove 650 linear feet of existing gas lines and reroute them along a new 940-foot long route that avoids the construction zone.

However, Woburn DPW Director Jay Duran, in a Dec. 13 memo to the council argued it is too early for the city to issue grant-of-location permits.

"The construction of the New Boston Street bridge is not far along enough to make a determination for the specifics of the grant-of-location. I recommend they withdraw the application for now and that we revisit in February with their field supervisors," Duran wrote.

In response to those concerns, Cuddy is looking to reconnect with state officials to review the route one final time.

"MassDOT is building the new bridge over the MBTA tracks and in doing so, they're burying our main 20-to-30 feet below grade. We've come up with a design to circumvent their construction," the utility company represen-

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Wilmington to honor Sean Collier on Friday, January 3rd

Friday, Jan. 3, Wilmington will once again celebrate Sean Collier Day, named for the MIT Police Officer and Wilmington native who died while on duty just days after the Boston Marathon bombing back in 2013. Here, MIT Deputy Police Chief Stephen J DeMarco (left) and Wilmington Deputy Police Chief Brian Pupa place a wreath at the site of the Sean Collier Memorial Tree at Rotary Park in Wilmington during last year's memorial.

(file photo by Joe Brown)

Planning Board had a busy 2024 approving projects

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Planning Board approved and placed conditions on many projects for site plan review, stormwater management permit, subdivisions, sign special permits, groundwater protection district special permits, and more over the course of 2024.

At their meeting in January, they already began their effort preparing for the Town Meeting where residents would vote on the multi-family housing overlay zoning district. By February, Director of

Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich received information that the state would not allow the town to require a commercial ground floor level for the district area on Main Street and they decided on an incentive to allow three floors instead.

The Birch Street definitive subdivision was continued in January and February, along with the site plan review for 773 Salem St. and the conservation subdivision special permit for 708R Woburn St. 708R Woburn St. was continued and finally approved in December.

The 208 Main St. site plan review, stormwater management permit, and groundwater protection district special permit was continued in January but draft conditions were approved in February. They returned in December to add a sign special permit which was continued to January 2025.

The board provided opinions on Lee Avenue, 79 Nichols St., and 409 Salem St. in January for the Board of Appeals where they only recommended approval for 409 Salem St.

In February, they rec-

ommended that a preliminary peer review be zoned for 79 Nichols St. sewer design. For cases at 11 Redwood Terrace and 36 Lawrence St., the board recommended that the applicant for 11 Redwood Terrace seek information and resubmit, and they recommended approval for 36 Lawrence St.

In July, they recommended a smaller shed for 2 Patch's Pond Lane and approval for 288 Salem St. Their recommendations were favorable for 31 Blanchard Road and 6 Carmel Street's

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Year in Review

School Committee discusses Wildwood project

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee spent 2024 discussing the Wildwood MSBA project, school district staff searches, special education, curriculum, multi-tiered systems of support, and more during their meetings.

Member changes came to the committee this year as M.J. Byrnes declined to run for re-election, and Nicholas Golden was voted into her

open seat. Jesse Fennelly stepped into the role of chair when the committee reorganized.

The year brought resignations and replacements in important positions in the district including the principal at the West Intermediate, the Director of Student Support Services, the principal at the Middle School, and the Coordinator of Behavioral Health & Emotional Support. The committee also approved the pay rates for substitutes, nurse substi-

tutes, and the superintendent himself over the year.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's Wildwood MSBA project update in January said that they had community forums coming up as they narrowed down the best grade combinations. Also in preparation for the MSBA, they prepared a proposal to incorporate all-day preschool into the new building and presented the MSBA education program plan in March.

Updates and community forums continued throughout the summer and a vote was made in October for a new pre-k through grade five building at the North Intermediate site.

Brand brought his recommended fiscal year 2025 budget in January after the town asked the school department to reduce the increase from 4.34% down to 3.75%. The 2024-2025 school year calendar was also consid-

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Wilmington Library News:

Kids' Book Café on Monday, Jan. 6

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Craft & Chat
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6 p.m.
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. All craft supplies provided! January's featured craft is Junk Journals.

20s/30s Pints + Pages — Pizza Party Edition
Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
This is a social book group geared towards readers in their 20's and 30's. No pints this time... but pizza will be provided! This month's meeting location will be at the Wilmington Memorial Library. There is not an assigned book for January. Instead, we ask that everyone bring a couple recommendations of books/movies/series/podcasts, etc. that they enjoyed over the past year!

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Kids' Book Café
Monday, Jan. 6, 6 p.m.
Sample a variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction, revolving around the same genre or theme. Each session will include either a themed snack or activity! Grades 3-5

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Mindful Movement
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 4 p.m.
Join library pals as we flow through children's yoga poses, calming activities, and books to help us grow in mindfulness and inner peace. Yoga mats will be provided during the program. Grades K-2

Teen Leadership Council
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.
Are you interested in advocating for what you want at WML? Have you volunteered before, but want to commit to more? Join our new Teen Leadership Council! Please email scottger@wilmlibrary.org with any questions. Grades 7-12

Time for Twos
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Baby Time
Thursday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon
Thursday, Jan. 9, 3:45 p.m.
Come make a fun craft with us at crafternoon! Grades 4-8

Music with Dara
Friday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m.
With keyboard, felt board, finger puppets, and engaging visual props, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites), fingerplays, rhythmic activities/simple instrument playing, and creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expression and FUN! Ages 2-5, siblings welcome

Stranger Safety with the Academy of Traditional Karate
Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.
Join the Academy of Traditional Karate in their Stranger Safety Class! This interactive class will feature a mix of fitness (some running and movement), Karate (learn some awesome Japanese moves) and stranger safety lessons. Participants will learn about awareness, using their voice, and some physical self defense moves. Parents are welcome to be a part of the stranger safety portion of class. Ages 4-12

Movie "Night" with Junior WOW
Saturday, Jan. 11, 1 p.m.
Join Jr. WOW in your



▲Register now for Kids' Book Café on Monday, Jan. 6 at 4 p.m.! Sample a variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction, revolving around the same genre or theme! Each session also includes a themed snack or activity. This group is for students in Grades 3-5. (Courtesy photo)

comfiest pjs for another fun event! Watch a movie and enjoy snacks! For families

Please reach out to scottger@wilmlibrary.org with any questions! Grades 6-12

Teen DnD
Saturday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m.
Looking for a group to play with? Join us for in-person Dungeons and Dragons at the library! You may also participate on Discord, a private server. This session, we'll be having some fun with D&D themed team building games! You must attend a D&D 101 session at the library before joining our campaign (excluding current players). These will be held monthly on the second Tuesday evening.

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door
The Book Store Next Door will be open only on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in January and February. Wednesday hours will begin again on March 5.
Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting wilmlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Display Your Artwork at the Library!
Call for artwork! Did you know the Wilmington Memorial Library allows professional artists to exhibit their work in the library's Stewart Room? Interested artists can apply to exhibit their work by visiting <https://bit.ly/wmlart>.

Programs can help weather the cost of winter

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois



Filing a federal tax return even if it's not required could put money in taxpayers' pockets

Some people choose not to file a tax return because they aren't legally required to file, but they could be missing out on refundable tax credits or an income tax refund. This could apply to someone if they:

- Have had federal income tax withheld from their pay.
- Made estimated tax payments.
- Qualify to claim refundable tax credits.
- Don't miss out on valuable tax credits

A few tax credits people can claim on a federal tax return if they're eligible include:

- Earned Income Tax Credit — Taxpayers can use the EITC Assistant on IRS.gov to check their eligibility.
- Education credits — The American Opportunity Tax Credit is for qualified education expenses for the first four years of higher education. The Lifetime Learning Credit is for qualified tuition and related expenses paid for eligible students enrolled in an eligible educational institution.
- Child Tax Credit — Taxpayers can claim the Child Tax Credit if they had a qualifying child under the age of 17 at the end of 2024.
- Credit for Other Dependents — Taxpayers who don't qualify for the Child Tax Credit may qualify for the Credit for Other Dependents. This includes people who have dependent children who are age 18 or older at the end of 2024; and/or parents or other qualifying individuals they support.

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By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

Colder temperatures can mean more strain on household budgets during the heating season. Fortunately, Massachusetts has programs available for residents who are experiencing challenges heating their homes, whether owner or renters. Through the Massachusetts Association for Community Action, local agencies are empowered to help residents evaluate and apply for the programs that will help them "weather" the winter months.

For Tewksbury and Wilmington, Community Teamwork, or CTI, is the administrator of HEAP, the home energy assistance program. The program is funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

The program is generous in its eligibility and is designed to assist residents who may have recently lost a job or come into financial hardship be able to have some relief on their fuel bills, and it does not matter what type of heat a home or rental unit uses.

Oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal are all eligible. And while the program uses income thresholds to determine eligibility, residents may be able to have some portion of their heating bills paid for by the program. Payments are made directly to the utility company on behalf of the resident.

According to plan information, residents who qualify for heating assistance may also qualify for other energy assistance programs, such as for electricity. The program runs from Nov. 1, 2024 through

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Lifestyle

New Year's Resolution: drink more water

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

As we turn the page of the calendar to 2025, many will start the New Year with the traditional practice of a New Year's Resolution.

These self made pledges, often to address more exercise and healthy eating habits, are started with good intentions, but statistics show that almost 80 percent of New Year resolutions will fail within a month's time.

This is not to suggest or imply that one should not try to better one's self, but rather that some goals of New Year's resolutions may not be realistic to sustain for your lifestyle.

If improving your health is a top priority for the upcoming year, you may want to consider pledging to increase your daily water intake. This is a simple and attainable change that can have a big impact on your overall health.

Multiple studies suggest that 75 percent of adults in the U.S. suffer from chronic dehydration, and a poll done by the CDC showed that 47 percent of the poll's participants consumed less than four cups of water a day, and seven water consumed no water at all.

Experts recommend the average healthy adult

should consume six cups of water a day.

A more accurate account of water intake is 15.5 cups daily for men and 11.5 cups daily for women. However, this will vary depending on how much water is consumed from other beverages and food sources.

All beverages that contain water will contribute towards your daily water needs.

According to Harvard Health Publishing, it is a myth that caffeinated beverages or those containing alcohol will contribute to dehydration. Despite the fact that these types of beverages cause more frequent urination, they still can have a positive contribution to your total fluid consumption.

You can also hydrate yourself by consuming water-rich foods such as salads and fruits.

Straight water is still the best form of hydration, as it does not have added sugars and caffeine that many other types of beverages may contain.

Be aware that certain health conditions, medications and activity levels may also affect daily water intake requirements.

High activity levels can cause your body to lose water through sweat. When participating in long periods of physical activity, plan to replenish water loss before, during and after

the activity.

Older adults should be even more aware of their water intake, as the sense of thirst can decrease with age, and medications, such as diuretics, can cause fluid loss, increasing your need for hydration.

Also take note of any medications you take that may cause water retention.

It is possible to consume too much water if you have certain health conditions, such as thyroid disease, kidney, liver or heart problems.

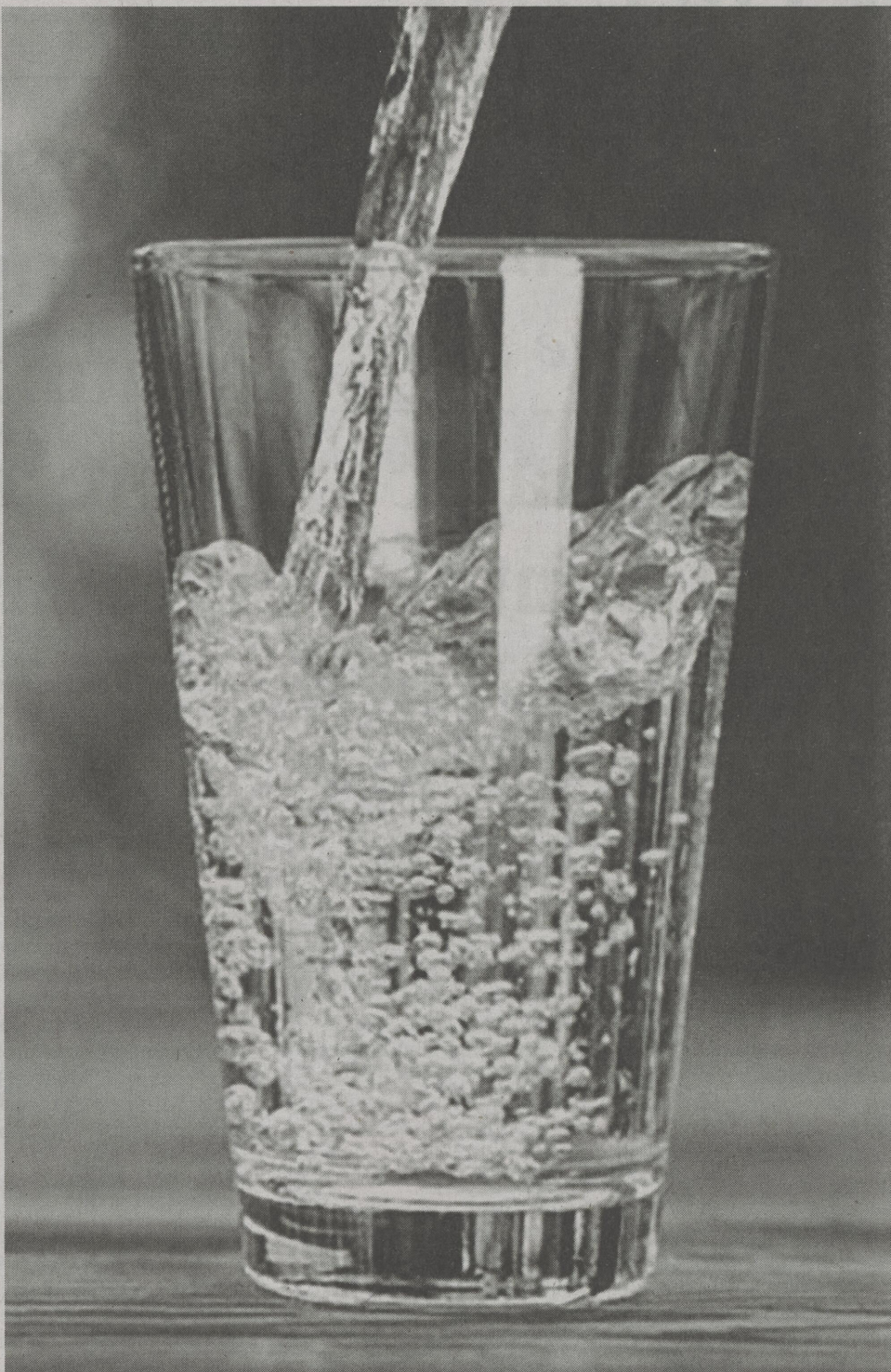
As with any dietary changes, always consult your doctor and pharmacist before making any changes to your daily routine.

The conscious decision to add more water to your daily intake can have multiple health benefits.

According to the Harvard Medical School Health Report (a six-week plan for healthy eating), a healthy level of hydration in the human body helps carry nutrients and oxygen to body cells.

Healthy hydration can also flush bacteria from your bladder, aid in digestion, prevent constipation, normalize blood pressure, cushion joints, protect organs and tissues, regulate body temperature, and maintain electrolyte balance.

Another benefit to elevating your water con-



sumption is that it may keep you feeling fuller longer, which can help shed a few of those unwanted holiday pounds.

Before you resign yourself to another year of unrealistic resolutions, start off the New Year on a positive note by washing away any memories of prior failed New Year's resolu-

tions.

With the simple pledge to drink more water, you can enjoy the health bene-

fits of proper hydration along with the satisfaction of completing a successful New Year's resolu-

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Tewksbury's menorah lighting

Chabad Lubavitch-Jewish Center of Merrimack Valley held its annual menorah lighting on a very foggy Tewksbury Town Common Sunday evening. The center has made a tradition of lighting the menorah in a different community each night of Chanukah, which this year is celebrated from Dec. 25, 2024 until Jan. 2, 2025.

Until New Year's Day — Tewksbury Open Space Winter Tree Walk- visit Tewksbury Open Space lands at Pinnacle, Rogers, and Chandler Well Fields to discover decorations by local nonprofits. Trail maps at tewksbury-ma.gov/open-space-and-recreation-plan-committee.

Until January 30 — Toiletries Drive at the Tewksbury Public Library to benefit the Glenice Sheehan Recovery Home for Women. Items needed for women 18+ include: deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shampoo & conditioner, bath products, moisturizer, nail care items. Organized by Tewksbury Democratic Town Committee. tewksburydems@gmail.com to donate money.

January 3, Officer Sean Collier Remembrance Day. The community is welcomed to pay tribute to Officer Collier at 2:30 p.m. A commemorative ceremony will take place at the Sean Collier Memorial Tree in Rotary Park, located directly across from the Public Safety Building, Wilmington.

January 9, Tewksbury

Upcoming local events

Indoor Community Market, 175 Chandler St. from 4 - 7 p.m. Visit the Tewksbury Senior Center and see all your summer market favorites back for a new year market. Food vendors, artisans and community groups. Visit tewksburymarket.com for more details. Girl Scout cookies, lemonade, handcrafts- something for everyone.

January 11, 2nd Annual Project Period Care Drive to collect period care products for Middlesex Community College and the UMass Lowell Strive Pantry. 10 a.m. to noon. Drop-off location is MCC, 33 Kearney Square. The drive is collecting pads and tampons. For more information, contact Rep. Vanna Howard's office at 617-722-2060, ext. 7 or email vanna.howard@mahouse.gov.

January 18, Wilmington Public Library, Free professional headshot 10 minute session. Register at <https://shorturl.at/pD88G>

January 18, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library book donation drive.

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 300 Chandler St., Tewksbury

January 23, Tewksbury Community Blood Drive at the Tewksbury Elks Lodge from 2 to 7 p.m. Lodge is located at 777 South St., Tewksbury. Come out, donate blood, and be a hero! Schedule your appointment today at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

January 25, Free 30 minute music lesson, Groton Hill Music Center. Register by Jan. 18 to have a free 30 minute lesson on your favorite instrument- age 5 through adult. <https://grotonhill.org/school/freelessonday/> New students only. Give your dream instrument a try!

February 7, Tewksbury Lions Music Bingo, 7 - 11 p.m., Tewksbury Wilmington Lodge of Elks, Adult-only event, Full table \$250 for 10 people. Bring snacks for the table to enjoy during the event. Cash Bar available. *No Beverages of any kind to be brought in to Event. Full Table Purchases only. Raffles, prizes.

February 15, Wilmington

Shriners Music Bingo, 6 - 11 p.m., Shriners Auditorium, \$20 per ticket. Bring your own snacks. Cash bar. Prizes. Questions? bostonveteran@gmail.com

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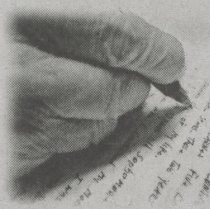
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Letter to
the editor

The magic of Santa

To the editor,

Poignant and consequential moments occasionally reveal themselves to us with a gentle reminder of the wonders of life. I recently experienced such a moment. Please allow me to share it with you.

I was strolling inside a mall of stores during the holiday season. As I moved, I was immersed in my thoughts and the bustling sights and sounds of the activity all around me. I came upon a balcony looking down upon a Christmas photo setting inviting children and their parents to have the opportunity to have a picture with Santa.

A few yards ahead of me was a middle-aged couple pushing an elderly woman in a wheelchair. The couple had stopped to point out Santa sitting in his regal chair down below, to the elderly woman.

Santa's gaze lifted upwards and met the eyes of the woman. He smiled and gently, but cheerfully waved up to her. I watched as a loving, soft smile appeared across her weathered features as she lifted her arm to slowly wave back.

There were no words spoken, and none were needed. Just one of those pristine, treasured displays of the purity of love. The couple then wheeled her away to continue their journey.

I had enjoyed this silent mutual greeting of warmth and understanding immensely and was reveling in the memory of it as I stood there. Then I hap-

pened to glance down, and Santa was looking up at ME.

I quickly looked away, but when my gaze returned to him I found him patiently waiting for my nervousness to subside enough for the lyrical connection that only Santa can create. Our eyes met, and then with his enchanted grin and his captivating white glove, he waved up to me.

A child's awkwardness overcame me, and helpless to resist, a smile evolved across my face, and with a slight hint of embarrassment, I waved back. I was spellbound.

The essence of peace, joy and love welled within me, accompanied by all that is good and pure in the world. It calmed me and rekindled the deeper values that I hold dear in my life. The innocence of a time long ago reappeared within me. It illuminated a light that had flickered due to all the doubt and insecurity that often permeates our environment today.

But in that moment, I only felt the majestic awe and the powerful belief a child holds for heroes, magic and goodness in the world.

It had been such a long time for me and I reveled in the innocence of the moment. You see... Santa actually saw me and waved to me today... and I waved back.

I really still... do believe.

Edward Levenson
Lowell

January Book Stew travels back to 1945

Author Rachel Robbins is the granddaughter of Leon and Phyllis Fisher, who lived and worked at Los Alamos, NM, on the development of the "Fat Boy" atomic bomb.

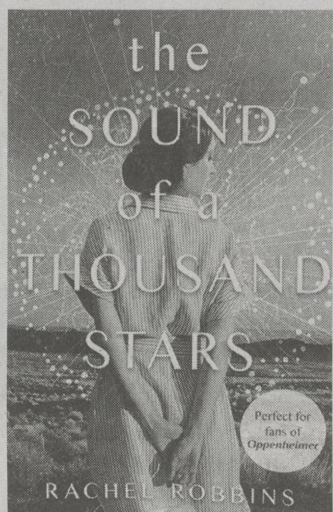
Her novel "The Sound of a Thousand Stars" recounts their fictionalized story. Tight-lipped, neither ever discussed their time and their tasks on the Manhattan Project with their family. Why not — Shame? Guilt?

The Fishers did travel to Japan and Phyllis wrote the first book on the subject ever translated into Japanese.

Rachel researched for decades and read her grandmother's diary to

learn more but could never solve the mystery of their silence.

Host Eileen MacDougall welcomes Rachel to the January episode of Book Stew, where she shares



what she learned and conjectured, and how she regards the hit movie *Oppenheimer*.

Check out this new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Or click on the links and enjoy!

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Governor Healey signs bill making substance use disorder treatment and recovery support more affordable and accessible

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey signed An Act relative to treatments and coverage for substance use disorder and recovery coach licensure, which makes treatment and recovery support more affordable and accessible for residents living with substance use disorder. Notably, the legislation expands access to lifesaving opioid reversal medications like naloxone and ensures that they are covered by health insurance. The bill also makes important updates to promote the well-being of infants with prenatal substance exposure and their caregivers.

"Over the course of my career, I've been motivated by those who have tragically lost loved ones to the opioid crisis that is impacting all of our communities. Their stories have served as important reminders of the urgent need to increase treatment, prevention and recovery services to save lives," said Governor Healey. "I'm proud to sign this bill that will expand access to lifesaving overdose reversal medications and coaching throughout the recovery process. I'm grateful to our partners in the Legislature for their leadership in making sure Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in the fight against the opioid crisis."

"The opioid crisis is an issue that touches every single community in our state. We see the way it impacts our friends, families and neighbors, and it's clear that there is more work to be done to save lives," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "That's why our administration is more committed than ever to addressing substance use disorder and preventing overdose deaths. This bill puts Massachusetts in the position to reduce overdoses, expand access to treatment and recovery services, and save lives."

"As a practicing physician who primarily treats patients with substance use disorder, I see the comprehensive supports that people and their families need to be successful in recovery," said Undersecretary for Health Kame Mahaniah, MD. "Not only does this bill expand access to treatment and supports for people living with SUD, but makes much-needed policy updates that promote the well-being of substance-exposed infants and their caregivers, while centering child safety."

"This important legislation reflects an approach to substance use disorder that emphasizes recovery, compassion, and evidence-based care," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "The measures included in this bill will help break down barriers to care and push back against the stigma that hinders far too many from seeking effective treatment and moving toward recovery. Notably, this model of care affirms that the Commonwealth is committed to treating substance use disorder as a public health issue, not as a moral failing. It recognizes that with the right support, individuals can reclaim their lives, families can heal, and communities can thrive."

Key provisions from the bill include:

- Mandates that insur-

ance providers cover opioid reversal drugs and expands access. This bill mandates that all health plans cover emergency

- opioid antagonists (EOAs) — opioid reversal drugs such as naloxone and Narcan — without cost-sharing or prior authorization. It also requires hospitals and treatment facilities to educate patients on EOAs and prescribe or dispense at least two doses of EOAs

- to patients with a history of overdose, opioid use, or opioid use disorder (OUD) upon discharge.

- Prohibits life insurance limits or refusal based on EOA history. This legislation prohibits life insurance companies from limiting or refusing

- coverage to a person solely because they obtained an EOA for themselves or others.

- Updates insurance requirements for non-opioid pain treatment. The bill updates requirements for insurance providers to ensure adequate coverage

- and access to pain management services without prior authorization, including non-opioid alternatives to pain treatment.

- Mandates insurance coverage for recovery coaches. The bill mandates all health plans cover recovery coach services without cost-sharing or

- prior authorization at no less than MassHealth rates, regardless of the setting in which the services are provided.

- Establishes recovery coaching licensure. This legislation establishes recovery coach licensing and oversight within DPH and codifies the practice

- of recovery coaching to ensure qualifications, proper use of titles, and compliance with DPH regulations. It also directs BSAS to study and report on barriers to certification, credentialing, and other employment and practice requirements for recovery coaches,

- while also ensuring timely and standardized licensure and renewal processes and establishing a peer support program for recovery coaches and their employers that includes mentorship, technical assistance, and other resources.

- Creates protections for harm reduction measures, which establishes a criminal and civil liability protections for people who, in good faith,

- provide or utilize fentanyl test strips or other drug testing equipment.

- Updates policy for infants affected by prenatal substance exposure. The bill mandates a collaborative approach to conducting comprehensive

- assessments of how substance use may affect parental capacity and infant safety, prioritizing family unity and access to appropriate support systems. A parent who is stable in recovery will no longer automatically require a report for abuse or neglect.

"Too many families have known the pain of substance use disorder and, tragically, the loss of a loved one because of it," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Opioids have stolen life from parents, children, siblings, and friends. The legislation approved by the Legislature and

signed by the Governor makes powerful strides towards mitigating this crisis by helping those coping with substance use disorder reduce harm, find treatment, and achieve recovery that lasts a lifetime. I am grateful for the work of Senators Crighton and Velis, my colleagues in the Senate, and our partners in the House and the Administration on this vital bill."

"As families across Massachusetts know all too well, the impact of opioid addiction can be utterly devastating for the individual and for their loved ones, which is why a continued focus on combating substance use is a critical responsibility that we have as elected officials," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Governor Healey for signing this bill into law, as well as Chairman Madaro and my colleagues in the House, along with our partners in the Senate, for recognizing the need for reforms that will help those dealing with addiction on their journey to recovery."

"This comprehensive legislation will save lives across the Commonwealth," said Senator Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). "Thanks to the hard work and collaboration of a wide range of stakeholders, we have created a multi-pronged approach to bolster care, encourage recovery, and prevent overdose fatalities. Thank you to the Healey-Driscoll administration and our legislative colleagues for their commitment and partnership throughout this legislative process."

"As Attorney General, Governor Maura Healey was at the forefront of holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for their role in triggering the opioid crisis. I'm pleased and grateful to see her continue to support individuals with substance use disorder by signing this bill, which will expand access to essential treatment and services. I look forward to working with her administration to oversee the implementation of these impactful initiatives in the days and months ahead," said Representative Adrian Madaro, House Chair, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use

and Recovery (D-East Boston).

"The tragic truth is that most people in our Commonwealth know someone who is struggling or has struggled with addiction, and it is truly heart-breaking how many loved ones we continue to lose to substance use disorders every year," stated Senator John C. Velis (D-Westfield), Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery. "The legislation signed today not only bolsters access to life saving overdose reversal tools but also expands access to recovery coaches, vital providers who understand what it is like to navigate recovery because of their lived experiences. I am grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, my colleagues in the House and Senate, and all of the advocates and individuals with lived experiences who have so worked tirelessly on this legislation that will save and change countless lives."

"This legislation continues the Commonwealth's dedication to addressing the opioid crisis by reducing stigma and providing the necessary support for those in recovery. I want to thank the Speaker for his commitment to those impacted by opioid addiction and Chairman Madaro for his dedication to getting this bill passed," said Assistant Majority Leader Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley).

"I am pleased that the committee was able to get this done before the end of the year and very happy that Governor Healey is acting quickly to sign the bill. So many people have worked tirelessly on addressing the substance abuse problems that plague our state, and it is great to see the Governor take a step towards resolving the issue by pushing forward with this bill," said Representative Michael Soter (R-Bellingham).

"I am happy to have played a role as one of the final six legislators who negotiated the contents of this bill," said Senator Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). "This is a very comprehensive, impactful bill devoid of controversy that will no doubt save lives at a very important time in history and a bill that the vast majority of the citizens of the Commonwealth can support."

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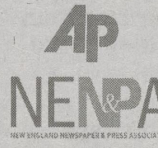
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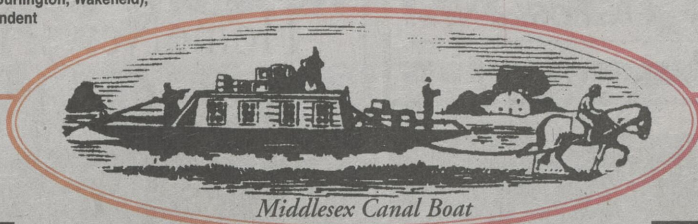
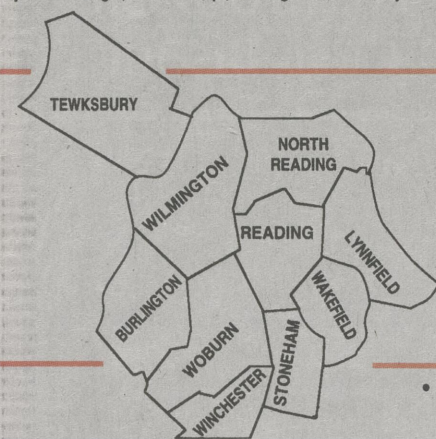
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MBTA zoning deadline passes - Wilmington, Tewksbury not in compliance

By RYAN LAROCHE

Many communities in Massachusetts passed new zoning regulations to comply with the state's MBTA zoning legislation. In fact, nearly every community in the Middlesex East readership area passed such regulations to remain in compliance and eligible for grant money. However, two communities voted down a new zoning overlay district: Tewksbury and Wilmington.

The new law says communities must create a zone to allow multi-family housing by-right. In total, 177 communities in the state have to comply and compliance is broken up into four categories: bus stop communities, commuter rail communities, subway communities, and ferry communities.

Under the new state guidelines, communities must zone for a specific number of units over a specific number of total acres with half those units and half those acres within a half-mile of public transportation.

Those in compliance

Burlington, Reading, Stoneham, Winchester, and Woburn all supported some type of zoning overlay district to comply with the new state law. Stoneham actually went first, supporting a new district in 2022. According to a story in the Middlesex East, "town officials and citizens in Stoneham wasted no time in setting aside the needed by-right multi-family housing acreage to come into compliance with the state's new 'MBTA Communities' regulations."

Residents supported a 7.6-acre strip of commercial land on Route 28 heading towards Reading during a special Town Meeting back in October of 2022. This decision not only puts

the town into compliance with the new state law, it also affords it the opportunity to redevelop the former China Moon site.

Planning Board member Kevin Dolan told Town Meeting the article will "bring the town, if not into compliance, then very, very close" to it. He added how the 7.6 acres goes along Main Street from Elm Street to Collincote.

In Burlington, Town Meeting supported a proposal brought forward by the Planning Board, with contributions from Town Meeting members, developers, business representatives, and citizens. According to a story in the Daily Times Chronicle back in May, "the end result manufactured over 50 acres by adding overlays on top of much of Burlington's existing multi-family plots, like the Lifetime Living apartments and the Beacon Woods Condominiums, and adds a multi-family overlay on a section of commercial properties between Middlesex Turnpike and Great Meadow Road."

Planning Director Liz Bonventre expressed to Town Meeting her excitement to move on from the MBTA Communities regulations, noting how she had to put other projects on hold: "I'm really excited to move on and get to work on other things."

Select Board member Mike Espejo summed it up by pointing out the need for housing, especially in Burlington. He said the need exists because "people and businesses are trying to come together and coexist in a habitable place where you can work from home or be closer to a small office." Therefore, he called passing the new overlay district a "win-win."

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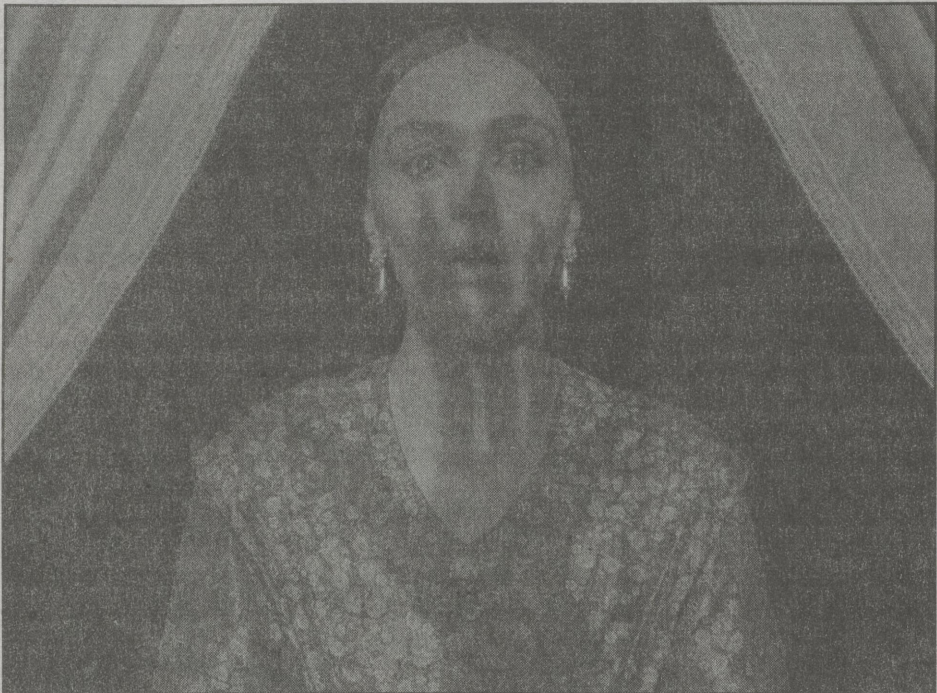
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'Nosferatu' evokes days of original, scary vampires



FACING HER FEARS - Above, Lily-Rose Depp is confronted by the shadow of a vampire in a scene from "Nosferatu" released by Focus Features. (Focus Features via AP)

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

Oh, the weather outside is frightful. But don't head to the multiplex to stay warm. Not if you're seeing "Nosferatu," anyway. Bring your hand warmers, toe warmers, heart warmers and soul warmers — this update of the 1922 silent vampire classic will chill you to the bone.

But it may not terrify you. Everything in Robert Eggers' faithful, even adoring remake, from his picturesque 19th century German town to those bleak mountain snowscapes leading to that (brrr) imposing castle in Transylvania, looks great. But with its stylized, often stilted dialogue and overly dramatic storytelling, it feels more like everyone is living in a quaint period painting rather than a world populated by real humans (and, well, vampires) made of flesh and, er, blood.

Eggers, who writes and directs here, has described being haunted since youth with F.W. Murnau's 1922 "Nosferatu," starring Max Schreck (which borrowed so

much from Bram Stoker's 1897 novel "Dracula" that the author's estate sued for copyright infringement). Eggers has said he wanted to present a true vampire, meaning the original folk variety — the horrifying, ugly, venal sort. Not the seduce-you-in-a-dinner-jacket kind.

And certainly not the "veggie vampire" who drinks only animal blood (think "Twilight"). No, Eggers' vampire, Count Orlok, wants only human blood — preferably from a lovely damsel.

The damsel here would be young wife Ellen (Lily-Rose Depp), the focus of Orlok's obsessive desires. In a nod to changing times, Eggers brings the character to the forefront and suggests that in 19th century society, she was unfairly seen as "hysterical" when actually, she was, you know, possessed. The lovely Depp fully commits to the high drama — but we don't learn much about what's in her head. Like everything here, it's a stylized performance that feels like a piece of art but keeps us at a distance.

After a prologue in which

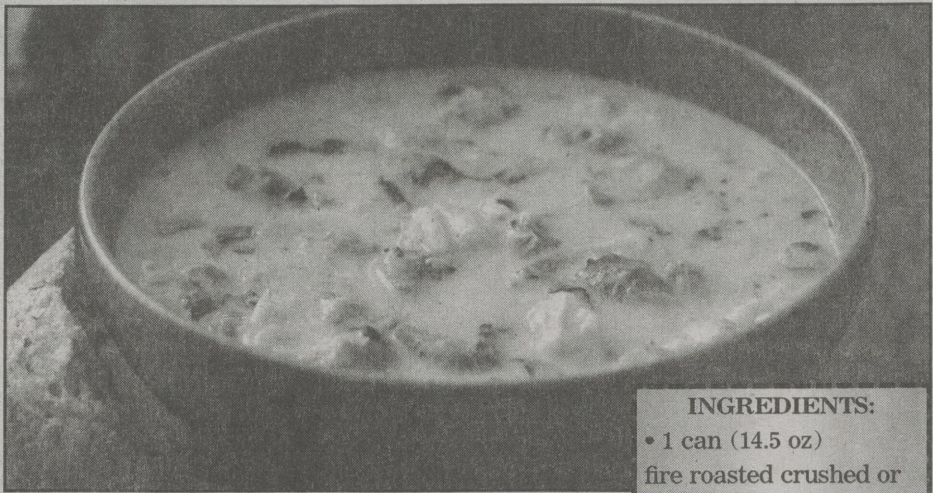
Ellen's spiritual connection to Orlok is established, we begin our story in fictional Wisborg, on the Baltic coast. Ellen has just been married to handsome, fresh-faced Thomas Hutter (Nicholas Hoult, giving his all), who aims to gain employment with a real estate firm.

But first, Thomas is told by the shady-looking boss, he must undertake an out-of-town assignment, traveling into the Carpathian mountains to obtain the signature of a shadowy client on the deed for a local fixer-upper. And he sets off, to the protestations of Ellen, who has been having some truly terrible dreams.

Note to self: When accepting job assignments, maybe think twice if your boss is sending you, solo, deep into wintry Transylvania? But if Thomas had used his noggin and sat home by the fire with his bride, we would have no movie.

Waiting for Thomas in the dark, lonely castle — the exteriors of which were actually filmed in Transylvania — is Orlok himself (Bill Skarsgård, truly unrecognizable in heavy, ugly

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SENSATIONAL SEAFOOD SOUP - Looking for a creamy seafood dinner using fire roasted tomatoes? Then check out this flavorful crab soup that's perfect for a French meal feel.

STEPS

1. In 2-quart saucepan, combine tomatoes, broth, celery and onions. Cook over medium-high heat 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until celery is softened.
2. In 4-quart saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Using wire whisk, stir flour into butter. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Slowly add half-and-half, stirring constantly. Stir in tomato mixture, 1 cup at a time.
3. Stir in wine, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

Reduce heat to low; stir in crabmeat and basil. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

EXPERT TIPS

- Try adding a cup of frozen corn and a teaspoon of Old Bay seasoning instead of the salt and pepper.
- Claw crab meat can be substituted for a less expensive alternative to lump crab meat.



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can (14.5 oz) fire roasted crushed or diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/4 cup finely sliced green onions (white part only)
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 lb fresh lump crabmeat or 2 packages (6 oz each) pasteurized refrigerated lump crabmeat
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves

• MBTA FROM B-1

Winchester Town Meeting also passed a new overlay district in the spring. By doing so, they added a new district called the MBTA Overlay District or MOD. The MOD stretches from the Winchester Center Commuter Rail Station north to the Woburn line on Main Street.

Under the new state guidelines, the town must zone for 1,220 units over 37 total acres with half those units and half those acres within a half-mile of one of the town's commuter rail stations. To accomplish this, the town planner, Planning Board and Zoning Review Advisory Committee (ZRAC) chose the Winchester Center Commuter Rail Station.

The MOD is broken up into four areas: 1 consists of the North Main Street area, 2 consists of the North Wedge Pond condos, 3 consists of Stop & Shop, and 4 consists of the Parkway condos. The town planner stressed they didn't include anything below the Quill Rotary and the new zoning won't affect Thompson Street.

Woburn and Reading also supported new zoning to comply with the new state law through its city council back in early October and through a vote of Town Meeting in November, respectively.

Not in compliance

With the deadline to comply having passed (Dec. 31), both Wilmington and Tewksbury, the only two communities in the Daily Times Chronicle, Stoneham Independent and Town Crier readership areas that chose to reject new zoning, are officially not in compliance. What does this mean?

Both communities will now not be eligible for certain grants. Each community could also lose funding for its housing authority.

Both towns can still eventually comply, should either choose to bring new zoning (or the same zoning already rejected at Town Meeting) to a future Town Meeting. However, both towns voted down the proposed overlay districts fairly strongly: in Tewksbury, 565 voters (76 percent) said no thank you while in Wilmington the margin was slightly closer with 288 against (65 percent).

Wilmington

With the Planning Board in favor, as they created the proposed overlay district, and the Finance Committee, as well, but the Select Board against, Wilmington voters found themselves in a tricky spot. Do they trust the Planning Board's judgment or do they side with the Select Board who oversees much of the town?

While Planning Board Chair Terrance Boland didn't exactly give a ringing endorsement to the plan, he noted how passing this new zoning gives Wilmington the "opportunity on Main Street to make lemonade out of lemons." He also said he didn't want the town to lose access to state grant money.

Valerie Gingrich, the town's director of planning and conservation, praised the Planning Board for putting aside their feelings about the state law and making the best zoning proposal they could by focusing on areas with existing multi-

family housing and commercial areas.

The proposed zone - that voters ultimately still rejected - would have included areas on West Street, Burlington Avenue, Deming Way, and Main Street. The area on West Street would have included 100-104, which the town approved for a 40B development.

On Main Street, the zone would have included only one side of the street between the corner of Burlington Avenue and the Hyundai dealership.

In an attempt to persuade Town Meeting, Gingrich pointed out how just changing the zoning wouldn't necessarily change anything overnight or in the near future. All the law does is force communities to allow for multi-family housing by-right; it doesn't compel any city or town to actually build anything.

She explained to Town Meeting that voting no would cost the town access to MassWorks and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grants.

Residents who opposed the new overlay district cited an increase in tax prices and traffic as their main reasons while others suggested Wilmington would be fine using town money instead of grant money. Some even referred to the state law as "extortion" or "bullying."

Even those in support of the article agreed the "one size fits all" approach doesn't work. However, they shared their concerns about not being in compliance, with one resident saying, "we're going to pay for it."

Others pointed out how the Planning Board's district, even if it's not perfect, would still be much better than if the state came in and forced something upon the town. One voter said this new law works because it will lower the cost of housing and the legislature gave the town the power to decide where the zoning should go.

Many, though, pointed to the loss of grant money as too big from which to recover.

Tewksbury

The town spent much of 2023 going over proposed districts to comply with the state law. Eventually, the Planning Board agreed on one to take to Town Meeting in May. Unfortunately, for them, voters overwhelmingly rejected the proposed overlay district.

Before voting, residents heard from State Representative David Robertson who spoke about the law, saying it was passed as part of a larger economic development package to address the region's severe housing shortage.

Like in other communities, Tewksbury voters heard how the law "is not a mandate to build." The town's Planning Board chair told Town Meeting how the town retains control over any projected development through its site plan review process. He also pointed out that even if the state fails in its lawsuit against the Town of Milton, it wouldn't apply to Tewksbury as it is considered an MBTA-adjacent community where Milton is considered a rapid transit community.

The district, had Town Meeting adopted it, would have stretched from Oakdale Plaza to Heath Brook Plaza and consisted of 1,200 units. But, to reach that number, the Planning Board chair said every existing parcel would have to

be sold by the property owners and the existing buildings razed.

He also urged voters to ask questions and even question their own beliefs rather than relying on "internet speculation."

When residents had the chance to speak, Select Board member Mark Kratman called it "ridiculous" the state would withhold "our tax dollars that we sent to the state."

A Planning Board member pushed back against the idea of this plan causing traffic to increase, calling traffic an "Eastern Massachusetts problem" and not just a Tewksbury one. In fact, the state's law attempts to mitigate traffic by forcing communities to allow by-right multi-family housing within a half-mile of public transit.

The Tewksbury Select Board was torn, with Eric Ryder against the proposal, concerned with service impacts from additional units, and James Mackey in favor, emphasizing the town should avoid a legal battle with the state. Mackey also pointed out residents can't selectively choose which laws to follow.

Other Planning Board members reminded residents how they had two years to participate in this process. They also said it's likely residents know someone impacted by the housing crisis, whether it's a child or grandchild looking to move out of their parents' home or a senior looking to downsize.

The Planning Board stressed how voting down the article wouldn't stop development in town and residents should support the article "before the state assigns a special master to draw a district with no resident input."

What's next

The state identified 13 grants for which communities found out of compliance will not be eligible to apply for, including road, bridge, water and sewer improvements and other local aid. In addition, noncompliant communities may be held under state and federal fair housing laws for unfairly limiting housing opportunities for protected groups, including families with children.

Both communities may also be forced to comply through a court order if that community is found to be in "intentional or persistent non-compliance."

Right now, the state is embroiled in a lawsuit with Milton. The issue for Wilmington and Tewksbury involves the amount of time it could take for a resolution. While the lawsuit makes it way through the court system, the two communities will remain noncompliant and still lose access to grant money.

Even if the communities being sued by the state ultimately win, no one knows what the end result of that victory will look like. Would the state's Supreme Court strike the law down completely or would they simply require the state to modify it? It's quite possible that both towns will eventually have to approve some type of MBTA zoning (just perhaps with less units or over less acreage).

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Saturday, January 11th at 7:30 p.m. at Wakefield Lynnfield Methodist Church Linden Tree Concerts present: Les Sampou and Kerri Powers

Linden Tree concerts continue into 2025 with encore performances with two of our favorite women singer-songwriters Les Sampou and Kerri Powers. Both sets will feature a lot of blues with bits of jazz and folk rock & roll. This year's concerts are held at the Wakefield Lynnfield Methodist Church on Vernon St. Our regulars cite the friendliness, affordability, and exceptional national talent presented each month.

Les Sampou is an Americana singer-songwriter, who got her start in the Boston folk scene and moved on to national prominence and acclaim. Sampou has performed at Montreal Jazz Festival, SXSW, Toronto Blues Festival, Kerrville Folk Festival (where she won the New Folk Songwriting Award), Philadelphia Folk Festival, Winnipeg, and Falcon Ridge to name a few. Sampou has conducted workshops at Berklee School of Music and appeared on top syndicated radio programs such as Acoustic Cafe, World Cafe, and NPR.

Sampou has released seven albums, five on her own label and two on Rounder Records. Her album, "Fall from Grace", topped the Gavin Americana Charts nationwide. Her release "Lonesomeville" charted number 2 on the US/European Americana F.A.R. Charts and led to her performance at the SXSW Conference in Austin, TX. In 2021, Les won the 26th Annual International Songwriters Award for lyric writing for her song "LIES FROM TRUTH."

Sampou, who lives on the South Shore of Boston, began playing in the streets in what she terms as "relatively late in life," at twenty-five, cutting her teeth in the streets, Les began playing area clubs, before Sampou found the coffeehouse scene. Her first album "SWEET PERFUME" caught the attention of legendary DJ Dick Pleasants and it soon was on the doorstep of Rounder Records where she was immediately signed. Sampou's third disc, the eponymously-titled album "LES SAMPOU," was a departure from her folk and blues sound and her penchant for rock began to color her voice and her writing.

Over the years Sampou who had moved to her own label also morphed in style from folk and blues to rock to acoustic, country-blues. With her album 'LONESOMEVILLE,' Sampou felt like she "hit her



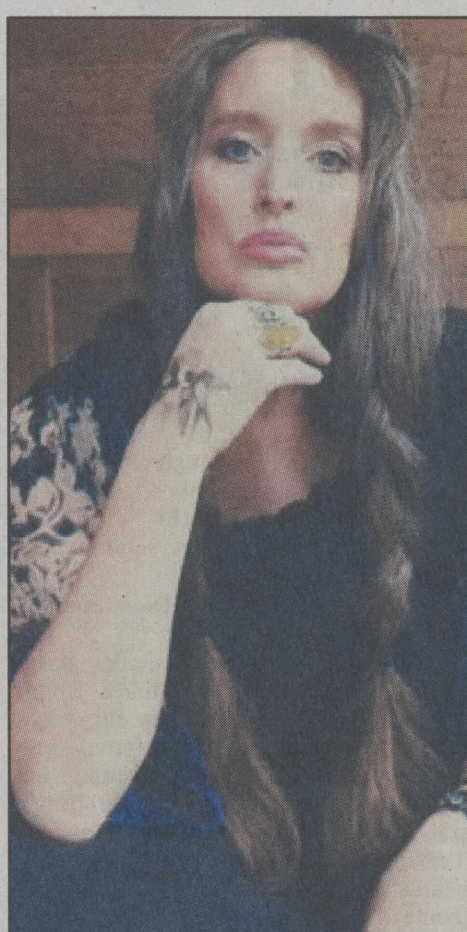
LES SAMPOU

stride, recorded live in two days with Ducky Carlisle, mix engineer.

"Lonesomeville," was a personal Top Ten favorite of the year." STEVE MORSE, BOSTON GLOBE/ ROLLING STONE "Lonesomeville' evokes a Tom Waits-like world." SING OUT

Les dedicated another album to the singer-songwriter coffeehouse scene for its support of acoustic musicians. The national coffeehouse scene for decades has presented acoustic concerts in the halls of churches run by volunteers. "I dedicate this album to every promoter and volunteer, and to the audiences who find their way to "the church of music. Ours is a lucky community and I'm blessed to have been taken into its fold all these years." says Sampou.

Sampou's seventh and most recent project "LIKE YOUR VIBE" is the result of the last few years of collaborations with select musicians worldwide. In order to build her catalog of TV/FILM-ready songs, Sampou



KERRI POWERS

and her collaborators created cross genre songs from "1969" co-written with Andre Lund from Norway, an indie rock song about the 1960's counter culture, to the dark, vampire-themed song "Dreadful Love" co-written with Israeli Roy Osherove to "Boy Blue" a country rock ballad co-written with Axel Bauer from Austria. After accumulating twenty plus collaborations, Sampou and her partner Ed Grenga placed many of the songs on TV and Film.

Singer-songwriter Kerri Powers channels blues and soul with an eye-to-eye, earthy sensibility that makes for honest listening and reflection. She's your sage girlfriend speaking from the heart and does so with a new collection of songs written from a place of grief and longing - something that speaks to us all. She's one of the finest country blues fingerstyle guitarists we've had on our stage. "Powers' exceptional vocals are matched with outstanding songwriting. A lifetime of creativity infuses her original songs with mournful, redemptive

catharsis. With 'Love is Why,' Powers' first self-penned full-length album since 2018, the New England-based artist explores the universal emotion of love and its huge influence on our decisions. In particular, she examines love in the context of holding on or letting go through human loss and grieving. The album's original songs were written during the pandemic and after Powers lost her father, whom she calls "my best friend."

Recorded in 2021, Kerri says, "I wrote the songs from a place of loss and grieving and went from there." "Writing the songs was hard but a necessary part of healing. At the end of the day, all the songs were written from a place of love for humanity and the need to spread the message that love is essential."

Kerri's critically acclaimed album "Love is Why" has been praised by notable music journalists Lee Zimmerman, John Apice, Bucky O'Hare, and more and has been reviewed for Americana Highways, No Depression, Blues Blast Magazine, as well as landing on several 'Top Albums of 2023' lists for non-comm and Americana and Blues radio. "When it Rains" stayed at the #1 spot on the Roots Radio Rock Music Charts for several weeks.

"I don't know where this young lady came from, but it's got to be a secret place. This is not the kind of singing and performing that can be easily taught. It has to be in your spirit, in your blood, and the fact that she is from the Northeast will confound the artists down South, in the Delta, in Memphis, Clarksdale, Austin, and Nashville." - John Apice/No Depression

Tickets for this concert are \$25 (under 18 - \$10). Homemade baked goods and beverages hot and cold are sold before the show and during intermission. Doors open at 7pm with the show beginning at 7:30pm. For preferential seating call 781-246-2836 by noon on performance days.

Linden Tree concerts are now held at the Wakefield Lynnfield United Methodist Church at 273 Vernon St. Wakefield, MA 01880 Easy to find from 95. Parking Lot by church rear entrance. Handicapped access too. For more information www.LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org

• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

46 7 Springs Ln #B was sold to Covino, Matthew and Covino, Ariana A by Mary Ellen Kiddle Rt and Gebauer, John A for \$730,000 on 12/13/24

14 Cedarwood Ln was sold to Vaghela, Hiralben J and Patel, Rameshbhai K by De Novo Holdings LLC for \$1,800,000 on 12/09/24

5 Ellen Rd was sold to Clement, Ryan by Brian C Lynch RET and Lynch, Brian C for \$800,000 on 12/13/24

238 Fox Hill Rd was sold to Shah, Raulmil and Shah, Anita by Dorothy M Macdonald Irt and Macdonald, Douglas J for \$859,000 on 12/12/24

9 Thornton Dr was sold to Cartus Financial Corp by Gemelli, Daniel and Gemelli, Jennifer A for \$1,200,000 on 12/09/24

9 Thornton Dr was sold to Hamel, Stefanie and Hamel, Christopher by Cartus Financial Corp for \$1,200,000 on 12/09/24

LYNNFIELD

1477 Main St was sold to Cravo, Patricia by 1477 Main St LLC for \$1,040,000 on 12/10/24

905 Main St was sold to Scaduto, Jason by David V Manoogian T and Manoogian, David F for \$600,000 on 12/11/24

977 Salem St was sold to Winebrenner, Keri D by 977 Salem St Lynnfield and Marino, Carol A for \$600,000 on 12/11/24

31 Thomas Rd was sold to Hotchkiss, Anne and Hotchkiss, Malcolm by Mcadam Marie L Est and Mcadam, James E for \$785,000 on 12/12/24

NORTH READING

8 Bridle Way was sold to Landers, John and Landers, Vania by Mikula Jr, Bernard J and Mikula, Cheryl M for \$2,350,000 on 12/10/24

17 Charles St was sold to Fields, Robert and Fields, Stefanie by Affordable Hm Soln LLC for \$1,800,000 on 12/12/24

2 Greenbriar Dr #203 was sold to Coelho, Ester L by Jmi Enterprise Prop LLC for \$355,000 on 12/12/24

3 Greenbriar Dr #305 was sold to Aquino, Mucio M and Aquino, Geucimar R by Melamed, Joyce for \$262,000 on 12/12/24

7 Greenbriar Dr #303 was sold to Zhao, Chunqiang and Zhang, Yan R by Ryan, Leigh A for \$351,100 on 12/09/24

7 Junction Rd was sold to Fortes, John A by Fortes, John and Fortes, Rosa A for \$800,000 on 12/13/24

9 Magnolia St was sold to Murphy, Shaylyn and Tierney, John by Capelo, Jerry for \$630,000 on 12/12/24

6 Meade Rd was sold to Sutherland, Juile A and Harrison, Glenn F by Mary Louise Harrison T and Harrison, Mary L for \$799,000 on 12/11/24

210 North St was sold to McLaughlin, Taryn A and Powers, Michael W by Cialone, John and Cialone, Danica for \$650,000 on 12/09/24

7 Southwick Rd was sold to Wang, Yaxuan and Wang, Yu by Seahorse T and Trifone, Laurie for \$900,000 on 12/13/24

READING

20 Boswell Rd was sold to Bethel, Brian and Bethel, Katie by Kennealy, Terese M for \$1,000,000 on 12/09/24

17 Harold Ave was sold to Worthington, Corinne and Mayers, William by Difronzo Jr, Dino and Difronzo, Patricia for \$1,249,900 on 12/13/24

29 Knollwood Rd was sold to Kordowska, Aleksandra and Casey, John by Griffin Knollwood Road R and Girouard, Pamela T for \$937,180 on 12/12/24

1176 Main St was sold to Morales, Donald E and Ramirez, Cindy R by Rimache, Luis C for \$780,000 on 12/12/24

2 Summit Dr #263 was sold to Zhang, Peisheng by Mantia Paul J Est and Mantia Jr, Paul J for \$250,000 on 12/12/24

STONEHAM

5 Christopher Street St #5 was sold to Gresci, Joseph H by Kostanski Ft and Kostanski, Erik J for \$725,000 on 12/09/24

100 Fellsview Rd was sold to Soerensen, Jeppe and Sartori, Alexandra by Gill, Patrick and Gill, Robert for \$783,000 on 12/11/24

103 Franklin St was sold to Rickert, Caryn and Remaker, Matthew by Donnelly, Andrew and Donnelly, Lia for \$610,000 on 12/09/24

14 Lawndale Rd was sold to Yertessian, Mary by Iskouhie Eurdolian Lt and Sahagen, Roushi H for \$430,000 on 12/10/24

3 Morrison Ave was sold to Kruse, Abigail and Kruse, Travis by Coyle, Daniel J for \$1,065,000 on 12/13/24

100 Park Terrace Dr #105 was sold to Lama, Tsiring by Dimattia Theresa F Est and Sannella, John P for \$425,000 on 12/13/24

27 Sunset Rd was sold to Spano, Natalia and Spano, Jonathan by Dagostino, Robert F for \$850,000 on 12/11/24

TEWKSBURY

4 Emerald Ct #4 was sold to Logan, Pamela A by Crupi Ft and Crupi, Karen F for \$725,000 on 12/13/24

61 Mill St was sold to Bacigalupo, James and Bacigalupo, Jessica by Bonfanti, Carole A for \$735,000 on 12/10/24

391 North St was sold to Storella Jr, William and Storella, Anna by Yang, Zunyan and Yang, Waverly for \$1,000,000 on 12/12/24

91 Quincy Rd was sold to Abraham, Rohit B by Barchard, Patrick and Bar-

chard, Luna for \$725,000 on 12/09/24

31 Randolph Dr #31 was sold to Patel, Sanchit by Anita Hogan Ft and Hogan, Anita M for \$439,500 on 12/09/24

WAKEFIELD

7 Bartley St #7 was sold to Hubbard, Steven and Hubbard, Lauren by Finn, Ryan and Finn, Lauren for \$874,900 on 12/13/24

3 Bennett St #402 was sold to Jaffarian, Mara by Durso, Matthew and Lemes, Larissa C for \$615,000 on 12/09/24

33 Holland Rd was sold to J & M Ft and Mulrey, Sandra R by Lawton, Patricia A for \$1,950,000 on 12/12/24

611 Main St was sold to Manassas Rt and Curley, Annette K by 611 Main Street Rt and Curley, Kirkland J for \$1,472,577 on 12/10/24

16 Meriam St was sold to Makseyn, James and Makseyn, Molly by Weir, Margaret L for \$930,000 on 12/12/24

18 Morrison Rd W was sold to Kozak, Stephen J and Kozak, Karla by Schaab, Daniel L and Conwya-Schaab, Jane for \$880,000 on 12/10/24

44 Nahant St was sold to 44 Nahant Street Rt and Tavano, Joseph by Hall, Jean E for \$390,000 on 12/09/24

108 Pleasant St was sold to Chen, Xinren and Xiu, Yong by Waterman, Vincent J for \$600,000 on 12/09/24

50 Putnam Ave was sold to Begon, Emmanuel N and Begon, Jennifer D by Mulrey, Sandra R for \$904,900 on 12/10/24

78 Renwick Rd #A was sold to Lynch, Joseph by Young, Lisa M for \$365,000 on 12/09/24

3 Richardson St #E1 was sold to Ahern, Andrew and Ahern, Stephen P by Young Karen M Est and Obrien, Patricia M for \$345,000 on 12/13/24

128 Salem St was sold to 12 Palmer Street LLC by Choiniere, Kenneth W and Choiniere, Margaret L for \$960,000 on 12/09/24

WILMINGTON

28 Burt Rd was sold to Richardson, Katie D and Newman, Benjamin C by Jean, Gary A and Jean, Albert J for \$590,000 on 12/12/24

278 Chestnut St was sold to Ferrecchia, Angela and Carroll, Phillip by 278 Chesnut Street Rt and Langorte, Joseph A for \$1,500,000 on 12/11/24

47 McDonald Rd was sold to Nguyen, Tiffany and Nguyen, Nam H by Delucia, Anthony and Toledo, Cleuzeni S for \$700,000 on 12/11/24

195 Salem St #41 was sold to Silva, William H and Ruszkowski, Denise by Phillips, John F for \$529,000 on 12/12/24

WINCHESTER

39 Everett Ave was sold to Howes,

Joshua R and Howes, Leslie M by Donnellam, Mark S for \$2,960,000 on 12/12/24

31 Girard Rd was sold to Sava, Parid and Sava, Erika L by Connelly Ft and Simmer, Patricia A for \$1,650,000 on 12/11/24

22 Hancock St was sold to Widom, David and Widom, Menina by Land, Ronald O and Land, Susan F for \$1,570,000 on 12/12/24

56 Salisbury St was sold to Yeung, Winston S and Davis, Stephanie L by McCarthy FT and McCarthy, Jeffrey B for \$2,750,000 on 12/12/24

7 Wainwright Rd #29 was sold to Kerry G Bennett Lt and Bennett, Kerry G by Fryklund, Gilbert G and Fryklund, Gabriele L for \$1,225,000 on 12/09/24

19 Warren St was sold to Lin, Dacheng and Li, Yaning by Campbell, Brock and Campbell, Rachel for \$1,755,000 on 12/10/24

WOBURN

100 Baldwin Ave #31 was sold to Peshave, Ajinkya A and Sadegaonkar, Tejaswini V by Shukie, Kyle J for \$835,000 on 12/09/24

3 Bennett St was sold to Fumicello, Corey M by Budka, Michael A and Budka, Amy for \$550,000 on 12/12/24

37 Chestnut St was sold to Dodge, Michael S by Flores Rt and Galleguillos, Albert J for \$627,000 on 12/09/24

49 Conn St was sold to Arscott, Jeffrey M and Sanchez, Isabel C by Buscemi, Michael P and McGovern, Matthew F for \$880,000 on 12/13/24

56 Dragon Ct was sold to Sta Props by 56 Dragon Court LLC for \$1,400,000 on 12/10/24

15 Exeter Dr was sold to Nerkizian, Garo V and Nerkizian, Mary by Vasconcellos, David and Ow, Hooisweng for \$1,037,000 on 12/12/24

95 Garfield Ave was sold to Smajlovic, Senida and Smajlovic, Jasmin by Roberts Donald P Est and Foley, Linda C for \$240,000 on 12/13/24

120 Harrison Ave was sold to Lee, Joohoon by 120 Harrison Avenue LLC for \$1,625,000 on 12/09/24

33 Harrison Ave was sold to Sullivan, William D and Sullivan, Lisa M by R & M Prop Renovation LL for \$1,004,000 on 12/10/24

580 Main St was sold to 580 Main LLC by Haggerty, Megan for \$625,000 on 12/10/24

216 School St #216 was sold to Soni, Vivek and Soni, Rashi by Rgk Development Co LLC for \$1,199,999 on 12/11/24

4 Senator Rd was sold to Sharifzadeh, Erin and Burns, Matthew E by Carroll, Phillip and Ferrecchia, Angela for \$1,175,000 on 12/10/24

4 Stratton Dr #204 was sold to Kansal, Dhvani and Chaudhary, Vishal by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$799,999 on 12/13/24



Tewksbury Police Log

Local man arrested, charged with OUI liquor

Monday, December 23

7:20 a.m. - Passerby reported a raccoon hit in roadway near Whipple Road and Pleasant Street intersection, still in the roadway. Police notified Animal Control. Everything was all set.

Tuesday, December 24

12:49 a.m. - Alarm company stated a black SUV picking up a silver Honda at Atamian Honda. Police sent. They checked the area, but nothing was shown. All units cleared.

5:38 p.m. - Security company reported a male accessed the building from the rear at Atamian Honda. The male left in a black SUV. No plate information and no description of the male. Key holder reported the business was closed and no one should be inside. Company requested an officer. The cleaning company was inside. A key holder was contacted. Key holder phone went to voicemail. The police were able to speak with a manager.

Wednesday, December 25

12:17 a.m. - A vehicle drove the wrong way on 495 north, driving southbound in the northbound lane. Caller reported the vehicle may have struck another vehicle. Police sent. They stated all clear in both directions.

12:26 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two women verbally arguing at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. All units cleared. They were unable to make contact with reporting party. Officer checked building and heard nothing.

12:55 p.m. - Caller reported a possible shoplifting at Mobil Kickstart. Caller was unsure if the female party had cabs under her sweater. Police sent. Clerk was not able to show proof of the shoplifting. Female party was spoken to and was able to show via tap to pay that it was purchased. Nothing further.

6:47 p.m. - Erratic driver all over the road heading southbound toward Lowell

and ended up taking a left onto Villa Roma Drive. Possibly a dark-colored compact car. Police sent. They spoke with the operator. No signs of impairment.

11:26 p.m. - Caller reported a gray sedan at Tidal Wave Car Wash that was playing extremely loud music. Police sent. They checked the area and there was no loud music.

Thursday, December 26

2:20 p.m. - Caller stated a gray hatchback Honda pulled into the cul de sac and an Asian female party walked around her home at Robbie Terris Way. Police sent. They left the side door slider open.

3:10 p.m. - Police sent to Senco Home Services. 911 caller reported her boss was refusing to pay her and requested to speak to an officer. They spoke to both parties. It was an ongoing civil issue would be handled in court.

5:51 p.m. - Caller report-

ed ATVs and dirt bikes on the ice at Raymond Street. Police sent and checked the area. Nothing was found in the area.

6:11 p.m. - Loss prevention reported a juvenile shoplifter was refusing to call their parents. Police sent. Officer filed a report. Parens contacted and juvenile left with the female.

Friday, December 27

6:02 p.m. - A walk-in party looking to speak to an officer in regards to living conditions for her mother at Blaire House. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

9:30 p.m. - A 911 caller reported erratic driver taking left on to Shawshen Street and swerved over double yellow lines and hit a curb. Caller in silver Toyota Prius. Caller lost sight of the vehicle when she turned on Claire Street from Patten Road. The vehicle continued on Patten. Police sent. No impairment and was given a verbal warning.

10:12 p.m. - Caller reported what looked like a campfire in the woods at Moonlight Drive. Police sent. They spoke with the neighbor at Sunset Circle who had a small fire in their backyard. Fire was being extinguished.

10:24 pm - A 911 open line

mapping over at Village Green Apartments from landline. Nothing heard. It was possibly from elevator. The police advised he check the elevator and lobby. No one was around.

Saturday, December 28

4:33 a.m. - A 911 caller from the front desk worker at Motel 6 reported a female party that was assaulted. She had a head injury. It was suspected the male registered under his mother's name. The female was currently laying on the bench right outside of the front lobby. There may be camera footage of the assault. Ambulance transported one to Saints Hospital. Officer filed a report.

10:38 a.m. - A 911 caller stated the house across the street had smoke coming from the garage and they heard cracking when they went closer at Langley Lane. Full response sent. Police reported steam coming from the heating system.

Sunday, December 29

12:15 a.m. - Worker at Marriot Residence Inn reported 20 to 30 people and eight to ten vehicles in the back area of the lot revving engines and being noisy/yelling. Caller stated it was a party that he broke up earlier this evening that won't leave the

property. Police sent. Most of vehicles/parties left prior to officers arrival. All quiet near surrounding businesses. A small birthday party leaked on Snapchat to a larger group. All parties left prior to arrival. All was quiet.

2:24 a.m. - Resident at Pike Street reported she heard what she believed was a motor vehicle accident. Police and ambulance sent. Roberto Portillo, 29, of 284 Old Main St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and possess open container of alcohol in the motor vehicle.

11:33 a.m. - Front desk stated people won't leave and were making threats that they would hurt the maker at The Residences at Tewksbury. Police sent. Male party was leaving and clearing out the room. All units cleared.

11:47 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an unwanted male party wearing a red hoodie was disgruntled at Cumberland Farms. Male party was shaking the sugar machine and was upset that he didn't understand how making a coffee worked. Police sent. Verbal only over some sugar not being filled.



Wilmington Police Log

Male party reportedly caused scene at restaurant

(Eds. note: due to the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Eve holidays, the entire police report was unavailable as of press time.)

Thursday, Dec. 19:

6:48 a.m.: A gray 2016 Dodge Caravan and a blue 2008 Jeep Patriot were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Burlington Avenue. No injuries were reported, and no airbags were deployed.

9:23 a.m.: Antonio S Falcon of 63 Reynolds Ave., Apt. #2, in Chelsea, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his brown 2002 Toyota Corolla.

9:34 p.m.: A caller at MKS instruments inc. on Industrial Way reported some unidentified people firing airsoft or BB guns in the parking lot, and did not feel safe enough to go outside and check. Other witnesses saw some people walking towards Horseshoe Lane, but after talking with them, they turned out to be uninvolved. Additionally, police were unable to find any signs of paintball or airsoft debris, so the caller suspected the popping sounds he heard may have been another issue he reported.

Friday, Dec. 20:

4:06 p.m.: A black 2014 Ford Explorer was involved in a motor vehicle accident with another car on Chestnut Street, with one person injured. The road was temporarily closed due to being blocked by a fire truck.

4:44 p.m.: A white 2021 Ford Econoline and a garbage truck were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

5:22 p.m.: A black 2014 Toyota Camry and a white 2022 Subaru Outback were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Woburn Street. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Dec. 21:

9:18 a.m.: A caller on Salem Street reported his mailbox was struck by a plow the night before. The caller was told to contact the DPW.

7:04 p.m.: A black 2023 Ford F600 and a white 2025 VN Promaster were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. Both parties refused medical attention.

Sunday, Dec. 22:

6:41 p.m.: A caller at McKinnon's on Lowell Street reported a woman

and a man who appeared to be trying to pry open

the front door. Employees on scene explained that they were closing up the store for the night.

8:52 p.m.: A caller on Horseshoe Lane reported possibly being the victim of a wiretapping.

Monday, Dec. 23:

6:40 a.m.: A gray 2013

Honda Accord hit a bicycle on Concord Street. Parties refused medical attention.

3:09 p.m.: An employee at Amazon Logistics on Fordham Road reported what he believed to be a hate crime at work.

5:56 p.m.: The manager at the Red Heat Tavern on

Lowell Street reported a man causing a scene. He was described as a white man with a short beard, a gray hoodie, and jeans. The man in question soon after went outside towards the patio and left, and police were unable to find camera footage of the assault the man was supposedly involved with.



(Courtesy photo)

New safety program for elderly and children who wander

TEWKSBURY — Chief Ryan Columbus is pleased to report that the Tewksbury Police Department is adding a new safety program for elderly individuals and children who have a propensity to wander off.

The Angel Sense program is designed for those who are elderly and at-risk children who have a propensity to wander off. Those enrolled in the program get a

GPS-locator device that they can wear.

If an individual who is enrolled in the program goes missing, the GPS locator can be activated, immediately giving police the location of the missing individual.

The Angel Sense program will replace the Project Lifesaver program, in which those with a tendency to wander wore an electronic transmitter instead of a

GPS device. The GPS devices that are part of the Angel Sense program will provide more accurate locations than the previous devices. Project Lifesaver will continue to work for those who are part of the program.

"This initiative reinforces the Tewksbury Police Department's commitment to public safety, and provides families with peace of mind," said Chief Columbus.

"This technology helps us better support families and respond more effectively during emergencies."

To sign up for the program, or to ask questions contact Officer Kim O'Keefe at 978-851-7373 Ext. 240, or kokeefe@tewbksbury-ma.gov.

For more information on Angel Sense, visit: <https://www.angelsense.com/>.

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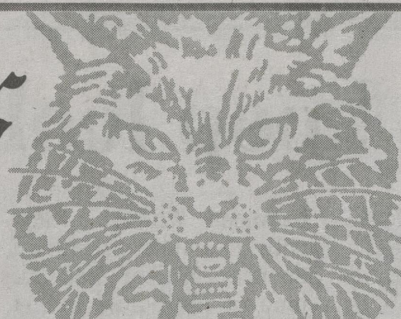


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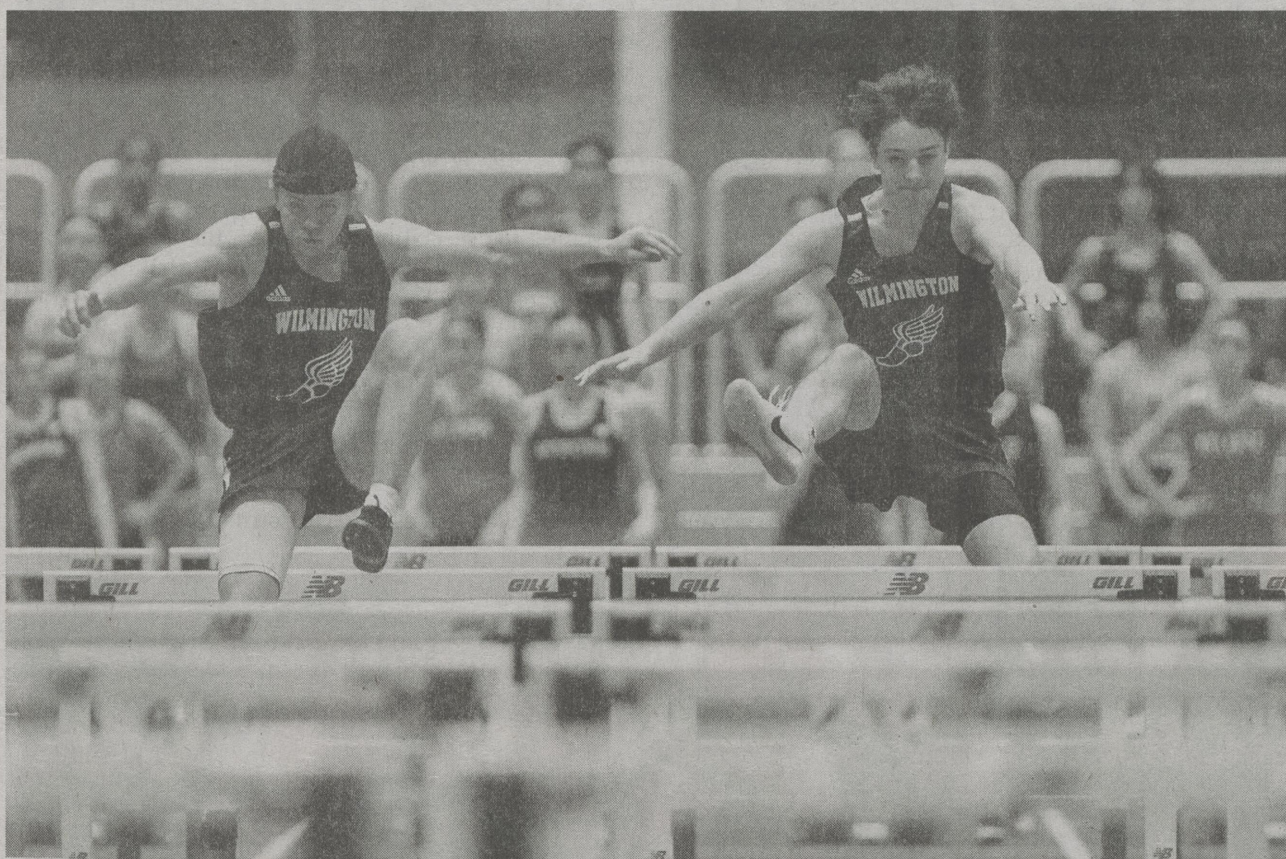
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◀ Wilmington's Brayden Veazie (left) and Anthony Cummings run the 55m Hurdles during Thursday's track meet in Boston. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

▼ Wilmington's Giselle Olatilu runs the 55m Hurdles during Thursday's track meet in Boston. Olatilu placed 4th with a time of 11.30 sec. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



WHS track teams win big in openers

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The season started for the Wilmington High boys and girls track teams recently as the Wildcat girls easily beat Watertown by an 82-18 margin while the boys also won in convincing fashion, 68-28.

For the boys, senior Martin Philiossaint won the 55-meter dash and junior Jonas Arulraj was third.

Philiossaint also was the winner of the long jump with a distance of 18 feet, 11.5 inches.

Senior Ashvin Baker won the 300-meter dash in 35.92 seconds and sophomore

teammate Benjamin Harris took third.

Senior Cameron Jenks took first in the 600-meter run in 1:35.06, leading a sweep that also included junior Chase Heffernan, who was second, and senior Ethan Schoenholtz, who placed third.

Senior Dean Ciampa was first in the 1000-meter run in 2:48.78 and junior Evan Cummings ended up in second.

Sophomore Cooper Holleran won the mile in 5:03.14 and junior Jake Cronin added second-place points in the race.

Junior Gavin Dong was the winner of the two mile in 10:59.82 and junior Da-

vid Dynan was second.

WHS didn't win the 55-meter hurdles, but took second and third behind junior Dylan Grace and junior Brayden Veazie.

Wilmington also won the 4x400 relay with a combination of Baker, Jenks, Ciampa and Holleran.

Harris was first in the high jump after clearing 5 feet, 4 inches.

Senior Jean Marvins placed second in the long jump and junior Noah Matton added a third-place point in the shot put.

The girls won 11 of the 12 events with the highlight of the day coming when the 4x200 relay team broke the Wilmington school record

with a time of 149.54. The foursome included Kayleigh Walker, Cate MacDonald, Avery King and Lexi LeBlanc. The group beat the old record, set in 2017, by just .04 of a second.

WHS also won the 4x400 relay with a team of Maeve White, Olivia Niceforo, Kaylin Mulik and Isabel Carriere.

LeBlanc had her usual big day for the Wildcats.

She won the long jump with a distance of 15 feet, 10.5 inches, leading a 1-2 finish that saw King take second.

LeBlanc also won the 55-meter dash in 7.46 seconds. WHS went 1-2-3 in the race as MacDonald was second

and Walker was third.

The Wildcats also swept the shot put with Maddie Krueger taking first with a distance of 28 feet, 11 inches, Abby Howie was second and Julia Heller took third.

The third WHS sweep came in the 55-meter hurdles with Abby Engvaldson winning in 10.41 seconds, Giselle Olatilu taking second and King placing third.

Wilmington took first and second in two other races.

In the two mile, Kaitlyn Shackelford was first in 14:00.88 and Cayley Israelson was second.

In the 600-meter run,

White was the winner in 1:58.38 and Niceforo was second.

Other Wilmington wins came from Bella Zaya in the 1000-meter run in 3:43.41, Charlotte Kiley in the mile in 5:55.77, Emma Callahan in the triple jump with a distance of 30 feet, 3.25 inches, and Carriere in the 300-meter dash in 44.88 seconds.

Mulik added a second-place performance in the high jump and third-place points were added by Olatilu in the high jump, Mulik in the 300 and Katelyn LaPointe in the mile.

Girls basketball can't catch Redmen

Late charge by Wildcats comes up short at Romano Tournament

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If the Wilmington High girls basketball team had just got started a little earlier.

On Friday afternoon, the Wildcats played in the consolation game of the Tony Romano Christmas Basketball Tournament in Tewksbury and lost to the host from Tewksbury, 48-41.

WHS trailed by 21 points with 4:47 to play before closing the game with a 16-2 surge.

Wilmington, who lost to Chelmsford 40-22 in the opening round of the Romano event on Monday, dipped to 2-3 with the loss.

The 'Cats struggled to

score throughout the game, falling behind 9-0 and 14-0 when coach Chris Frissore called a timeout. After the break, WHS finished the first quarter with four straight points and kept TMHS off the scoreboard for the final 4:19 of the stanza.

Senior Alle Delgenio scored the first Wilmington points with two foul shots before a driving layup by senior Eva Boudreau made it 14-4.

Junior Vanessa Iandoli was the story of the first half for the Redmen. In the first quarter, Iandoli hit three 3-pointers and added an assist.

Junior Erin McCarthy, senior Jill Collins and junior Summer Sands helped step up Wilmington's defensive intensity.

Tewksbury would out-score Wilmington by an 18-12 margin in the second quarter to lead 32-16 at halftime.

The Redmen had seven first-half 3-pointers, five by Iandoli and others by freshman Reagan Maniscalco and junior Chloe Mello.

Tewksbury led by 18 at one point in the second quarter. Delgenio and Boudreau combined for 12 of Wilmington's first-half points and junior Ali McElligott added a 3-pointer late in the first half.

The third quarter saw the teams combine for only 11 points.

While Wilmington's defense did a terrific job to limit the Redmen to only five points, the 'Cats man-

aged only six of their own including a 3-pointer by Boudreau, a layup by Collins and a foul shot from senior Leah Murphy.

Up 37-22 after three, the Redmen saw the lead cut to 12 when Murphy hit a 3-pointer for Wilmington, but a 9-0 Tewksbury spurt pushed the lead to 21. Maniscalco's three-point play gave TMHS a 46-25 lead.

Wilmington didn't quit. A Collins layup started the Wildcat finish.

After a foul shot by Boudreau, McElligott swished a 3-pointer before a three-point play by Delgenio after a nice crossover dribble.

With the score 46-34, Wilmington had two chances to cut the gap to 10 or less before Tewksbury called a timeout with 1:45 left.

A layup by Tewksbury sophomore Nicole Baron stopped the 9-0 Wildcat run and made it 48-34, but WHS added the final seven points of the contest.

McElligott hit two free throws, Boudreau drained a long 3-pointer and Collins tossed in a layup at the buzzer.

Boudreau led Wilmington with 12 points, Delgenio scored 10 and McElligott added eight to lead Wilmington.

Iandoli's 15 points led Tewksbury, Maniscalco chipped in with 11 and junior Sophia Capiello contributed seven.

Prior to the Tewksbury tournament, Wilmington beat Stoneham in a Middlesex League Freedom Division thriller at WHS, 55-52.

The 'Cats opened the season with a win over Winchester and a loss to Arlington.

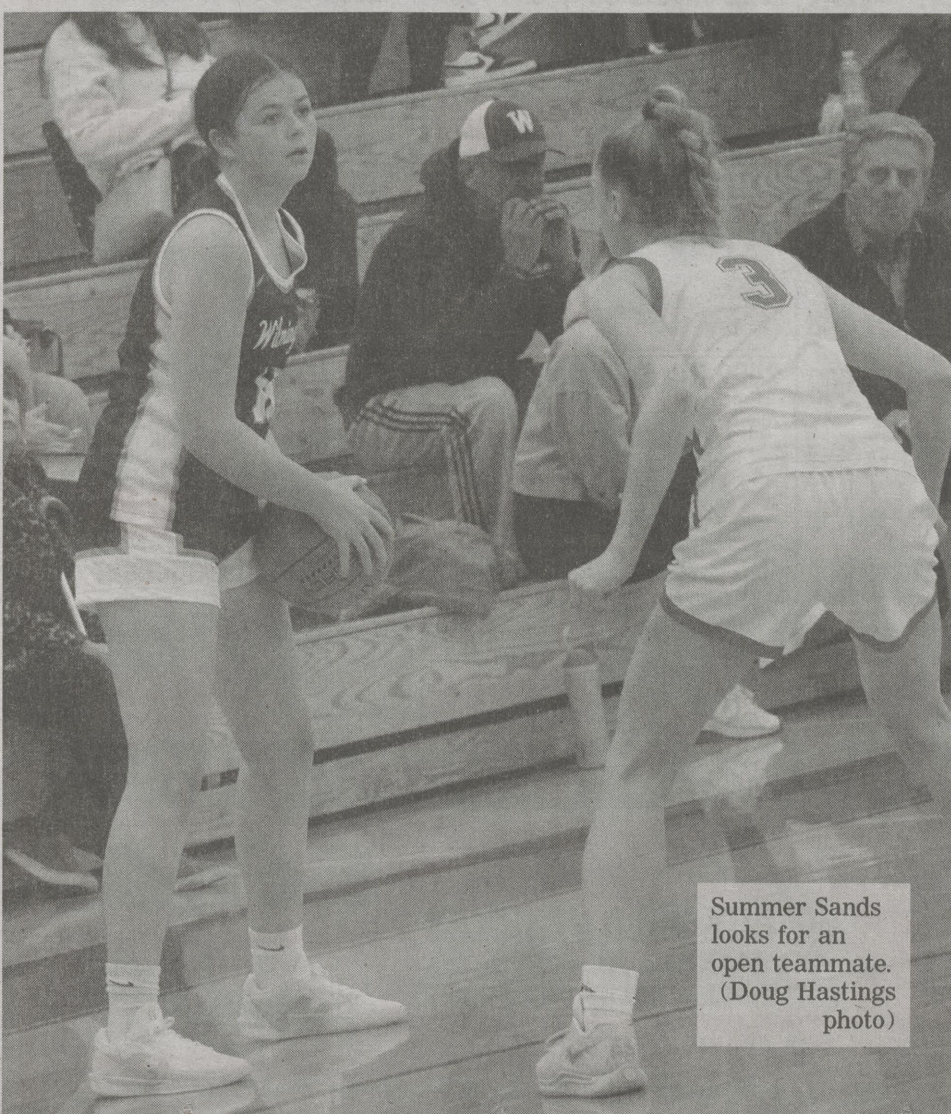
Against Stoneham, Wilmington won a terrific back-and-forth game.

WHS led 20-11 at the end of the first quarter, but Stoneham rallied to trail by only one at halftime, 31-30.

The Spartans took the



Alle Delgenio sets up a play. (Doug Hastings photo)



Summer Sands looks for an open teammate. (Doug Hastings photo)

lead in the third quarter and took a 42-36 advantage late in the stanza before the score was tied 42-42 after three.

Stoneham led 46-42 early in the fourth before Wilmington's 10-2 run put WHS ahead to stay.

Wilmington led 52-50 when Collins made a foul shot with 3:39 remaining.

Stoneham had several chances to tie the game or come within one, but the Spartans couldn't score.

Wilmington pushed the lead to five on a nice passing play that went from Delgenio to Boudreau to Collins for a layup that made it 55-50 with 1:12 to go.

Stoneham converted inside, but neither team would score again.

Murphy blocked a shot at the buzzer.

Boudreau led a balanced attack with 14 points including five late in the game and McCarthy added 12 points. Delgenio and Collins chipped in with 9 and 8 points, respectively, with Collins scoring the last three points of the game for Wilmington.

Stoneham scored the first basket of the night before a 9-0 run by Wilmington.

Delgenio got it going with a layup before Sands hit a 3-pointer.

Boudreau then scored

after a nice baseline move before assisting a hoop by Collins that made it 9-2.

A 3-pointer by McCarthy gave the Wildcats a 23-11 lead to start the second quarter before Stoneham used a 12-3 run to quickly get back into the game.

Junior Charlotte Forcina contributed a nice defensive play for the 'Cats with a hustle play to stop a fast break by the Spartans and create a turnover.

Stoneham took the lead in the third quarter, using an 8-2 surge for a five-point lead (38-33). The Spartans led by six before Wilmington closed the third quarter with a 6-0 run.

McCarthy finished a nice lob pass by Delgenio and Delgenio scored on a driving layup to make it 42-40. Murphy's inside hoop would tie the score.

Stoneham regained the lead one more time, moving ahead 46-42, before Wilmington closed for the victory.

Delgenio scored inside and McCarthy's 3-pointer gave WHS a one-point lead.

After a Stoneham basket, Wilmington went ahead for good when Boudreau made three of four free throws. Two more foul shots by Boudreau pushed the lead to 52-48 and set up an exciting finish.

Wilmington High boys hoop looking for first win



▲Senior Ayden Balter prepares to shoot a foul shot. (Doug Hastings photo)

By DOUG HASTINGS
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On Monday, Dec. 23, the Wilmington High boys basketball team dipped to 0-4 on the year with a 70-57 loss on the road against Boston Latin Academy.

Prior to that loss, the Wildcats had lost to Middlesex League opponents Stoneham and Arlington. Against Arlington, WHS lost by a 67-45 score.

The Spy Ponders led 18-12 after the first quarter and 34-21 at halftime before blowing the game open in the third for a 53-28 advantage with eight minutes to go.

Junior Ryan Gray led a

balanced Wildcat attack with 10 points, freshman Spencer Walker had all nine of his points in the fourth quarter and junior Will Poyant scored eight.

Junior Noah Tetterington and junior Roman Synnott chipped in with six and five points, respectively.

Stoneham beat Wilmington by a 66-35 score.

The Spartans jumped out to a 9-0 lead to start the game before Synnott's 3-pointer got Wilmington on the board.

Senior Ayden Balter powered inside for a basket and WHS trailed 15-5 after one quarter.

The second quarter had plenty of good plays by Wilmington without much to show as the Wildcats

just missed on some good scoring opportunities.

A steal by Poyant, a diving play by Tetterington for a jump ball and another three ball by Synnott off a nice assist from Balter cut Stoneham's lead to 22-12.

Gray added a 3-pointer just before halftime off a great feed by sophomore Julian Martins to make it 32-18 at halftime.

Senior Benjamin Jamieson started the second half by drawing a charge, but Stoneham went on a 12-0 run to kick off the third quarter and take a 26-point lead.

A foul shot by Jamieson was Wilmington's only point of the quarter as Stoneham led 53-19 after three quarters.

Just before the end of the

quarter, senior Kyle Gabaree also drew a charge for the Wildcats.

The 'Cats scored 16 points in the fourth quarter, outscoring Stoneham by three and playing hard until the final buzzer.

Gabaree scored on an offensive rebound and put-back while Synnott added a foul shot and Walker chipped in with a basket.

Poyant added a pair of 3-pointers, the second after a possession that included offensive rebounds by Martins, Synnott and Jamieson. Synnott added a pair of lay-ups and Poyant contributed two more free throws before the game ended.

Friday, WHS is back in action when it hosts Wattertown at 5 p.m.



Senior Kyle Gabaree battles for a rebound. (Doug Hastings photo)



Noah Tetterington looks to make a pass. (Doug Hastings photo)



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OBITUARIES

Mary M. Boylen

Spent much of her time volunteering

Mary M. Boylen, age 94, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home on Dec. 23, 2024, surrounded by her family.

Mary was born in Malden, on June 6, 1930; she was raised in Cambridge by her beloved grandmother and her dear aunts. Mary was educated in Cambridge and was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic School.

Mary met her husband George Boylen, Jr., while she was "vacationing" at her aunt's cottage on Grove Avenue in Wilmington, on Silver Lake. George was a handsome young lifeguard at the lake when they met, and she was a beautiful city girl who caught his eye; the couple were soon inseparable and later married in 1952.

George and Mary lived out of state for a few years before settling back in his hometown of Wilmington where they raised three wonderful children. Mary was a stay-at-home mom who was always busy doing something for the kids or attending their school and sporting events.

When not with her family, Mary was very active in her community and beyond. She was always giving of her time and talents to volunteer for various charities or organizations.

Mary enjoyed volunteering for the St. Thomas Charities including the St. Thomas outreach program and through the church she along with a group went to various facilities to feed the less fortunate or

do dinners for patients with serious medical issues and their families.

Mary was a member of the Wilmington Community Fund for over 20 years and loved to help with various fundraisers for the community. One of Mary's favorite clubs was the Wilmington Garden club where she enjoyed socializing and going to nursing homes to help the residents create flower arrangements; this brought Mary a lot of joy that she could share her love of flowers with others.

In her spare time, Mary loved to travel around the world with family and friends; she had an outgoing personality, and she loved meeting new people.

Mary also enjoyed a day at the beach, especially Hampton Beach in New Hampshire where she could be found soaking up the sun and relaxing in her chair.

Mary will be fondly remembered as a special lady who would do anything to help anyone. She had a soft spot for animals and loved her rescue dog Koda.

Mary touched so many people throughout her life in her kind and caring ways; she loved her family and friends unconditionally and will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late George W. Boylen Jr., devoted mother of George Boylen III of East Kingston, NH, Rosemary Haley of Tewksbury, and Kathy Boylen of Wilmington, she was a dear



sister-in-law of Jeanne Crupi of Reading and Laurie Lanni of Southbridge.

Mary is also survived by her very close friends who she loved so much Barbara Doucette, Janice Baldwin, Bernadette Bennett and Kathleen Bennett.

She is further survived by many special nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Sunday, Dec. 29 from 2 - 5 p.m. A Funeral Mass for Mary was held on Monday, Dec. 30 at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 10:30 a.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to the St. Francis House, P. O. Box 55859, Boston, MA 02205-5859.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Ralph A. Earle

Served in the United States Army

Ralph A. Earle, of Wilmington, formerly of North Reading and Huntsville, Alabama, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 27, 2024.

Ralph was born in South Weymouth on July 27, 1943; he was the cherished son of the late Rev. C. Austin Earle and Eunice J. (Starkie) Earle.

Ralph, along with his brother David were raised in a loving home with wonderful parents who set an amazing example of how to be good person, give of yourself, and use the talents God gave you to help others.

Ralph grew up in and attended various schools in New Hampshire; he was a graduate of Keene High School. Ralph went on to continue his education at Northeastern University in Boston, graduating with the class of 1966 and earning a B.A. in mathematics while minoring in physics.

Ralph was drafted into the United States Army in January of 1967. Ralph specialized in several Army schools including Microwave Radio Officers course, Satellite Communications, and IBM 1410 Auto coder Programming Course; he used his education while serving overseas in Korea during the time when experimental satellite communications were being introduced and he was one of only seven authorized personnel to have access codes for them.

While serving, Ralph was responsible for a communications center and OIC of a telephone system serving HQ Eighth Army, the U.S. Embassy and surrounding units. Ralph dealt with the United Nations and foreign national personnel.

Ralph was honorably discharged from active duty in December of 1968 but continued to serve the country in the Army Re-

serves until July of 1972.

Ralph led an impressive career throughout his life; he worked for Avco Everett Research Laboratory as an assistant scientist whose primary work assignments were in the areas of data reduction and analysis.

He was a report coordinator and editor, as well as a proposal writer and manager of small contracts and scientist in radiometry.

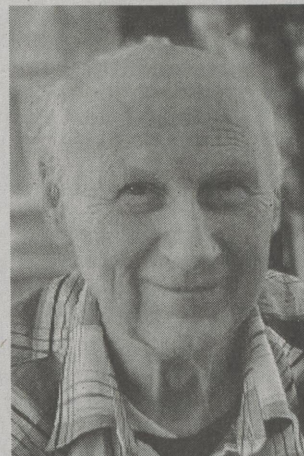
While at Avco he co-authored numerous research notes, wrote programs in FORTRAN, IBM, and Data General Nova assembler language, and was a coordinator of several other reports.

Ralph went on to have a remarkable career with Teledyne, where he had top secret clearance as a Senior Systems Analyst; he retired following many years of dedicated service to the company.

Ralph was a man of great faith who loved his church here in North Reading as well as his church in Alabama where he lived for many years. In Alabama, he conducted nursing home worship services every Sunday, serving communion and praying with the residents.

Upon his return to Massachusetts to help with family, Ralph jumped right back into the Martin's Pond Union Baptist where he was needed. When one of the church's members required long-term care, Ralph visited her daily, sometimes multiple times a day for more than two years.

Ralph served on the Christian Community Service board in North Reading for years. CCS oversees the food pantry. Ralph's dedication led him to pick up day-old bread from a bakery. He delivered, sorted and gave it to the North Reading Food Pantry clients for years.



The "personal" Ralph was a soft-spoken, humble man who describes himself as "using the talents that God has given me, honoring God with my life, and being a good steward." Ralph led by example always volunteering his time, talents, and generosity, to help others in need.

To quote his sister-in-law Susan, "Ralph has touched so many lives with compassion and generosity. I can't begin to count the ways, but I do know his favorite Bible verse from Matthew 6:21, which he shares with us always."

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Ralph was the dear brother of the late David A. Earle and brother-in-law of Susan Joy Earle-Murray of Wilmington.

Family and friends gathered for a Service on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. in the Martins Pond Union Baptist Church, 4 Cogswell Road, North Reading. Interment with Military Honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Healey-Driscoll Administration announces First Day Hikes at parks across Massachusetts

BOSTON — As part of the agency's ongoing effort to provide recreational opportunities to residents and families, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will once again kick off the new year with free guided First Day Hikes at state parks across Massachusetts. On January 1, 2025, DCR will host the agency's 34th annual First Day Hikes initiative in 14 parks across the state — from South Cape Beach State Park in Mashpee to the Great Falls Discovery Center in Turners Falls.

First Day Hikes is a signature DCR initiative launched in 1992 when 400 hikers gathered to welcome the new year at the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton. The program aims to promote year-round outdoor recreation and to inspire residents and families to discover the beauty of the Massachusetts State Parks system. The initiative expanded over the years to parks across the state. After 20 years of success in Massachusetts, the initiative was adopted nationally in 2012 with the endorsement of America's State Parks, expanding the First Day Hikes initiative to all 50 states.

"We are a state of firsts, and the tradition of our First Day Hikes stands as a proud example of that," said Governor Maura Healey. "As we celebrate MA250, we are proud to continue this initiative that brings together people of all walks of life — across generations, backgrounds, abilities, and communities — to start their year off by getting outside to take in our amazing state parks."

"This tradition, started right here in Massachusetts, is a unique way for residents to start their new year off on the right foot with health and happiness," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "First Day Hikes are a great opportunity for fam-

ily and friends to experience our beautiful state parks and inspire year-round recreation in our public spaces."

"First Day Hikes unites communities, inspires fresh air, and showcase our state's beauty — another example of Massachusetts leading the way," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "We encourage everyone to start their new year by participating in one of these hikes where residents can explore our state parks while also witnessing the important role these spaces play in protecting the health of our environment."

"One of our goals at DCR is to get more families outside into our amazing state parks and build the next generation of environmental stewards and First Day Hikes is a great way to do that," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arriago. "We look forward to seeing Massachusetts residents and families at one of our 14 hikes across the state this New Year's Day, connecting with the natural world and experiencing all our state parks system has to offer."

The program has become a beloved tradition for many across the state, with residents of all ages gathering each New Year's Day to ring in the new year outdoors in DCR parks. On January 1, 2024, more than 3,000 people kicked off their year with a First Day Hike in a DCR park. Visitors can take part in the hikes at agency parks in Boston, Saugus, Rockport, Concord, North Andover, Mashpee, Uxbridge, Gardner, Townsend, West Boylston, Worcester, Turner Falls, and Chester.

This year, DCR is providing hikers with a First Day Hike winter hat and a First Day Hike commemorative pin. Each hat will include a note explaining the history of the First Day Hike Initiative — an-

other Massachusetts "first" and its connection to MA250.

DCR offers incredible natural, recreational, and cultural resources for visitors to explore, as well as exceptional activities and programs that visitors can take advantage of year-round. This year's First Day Hikes will range from one to five miles, depending on location. DCR recommends that hikers participants dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Inclement weather, rain, snow, or icy trail conditions may cancel the hike. Participants should contact the park for confirmation that a hike will be taking place. Additional details, including locations, difficulty, length, terrain, and age recommendations, can be found on DCR's website. Participants are encouraged to share photos of their hiking experience on social media and by tagging @MassDCR. Additionally, most locations will offer hot chocolate following the hike.

DCR's First Day Hikes will be offered at the following 14 locations and times:

BOSTON

• Pope John Paul II Park Reservation - 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Hallet Street, Boston

1 mile hike
Meet by the Kiosk at Hallet Street entrance located at the intersection of Hill Top Street and Hallet Street

Join DCR staff for a 1-mile guided stroll on paved paths along the Neponset River. Hot chocolate will be provided after the hike. Well-behaved dogs on a leash are welcome.

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NORTH

• Breakheart Reserva-

tion - 10 a.m.

177 Forest St., Saugus
2 or 3 mile hike, two trail options

Meet at the Christopher P. Dunne Visitor Center

Breakheart is hosting two guided First Day Hikes — a 2-mile hike and a 3-mile hike- through the paved loops of the Reservation. Hikers will have a view of animal tracks and the Lower and Upper Ponds. Hot chocolate and clam chowder from Kelly's Roast Beef will be served by the fire in the Visitor Center after the hike.

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• Harold Parker State Forest - 10 a.m.

700 Middleton Road, North Andover
2 mile hike

Meet at Berry Pond Beach

Hikers will walk from Berry Pond to Salem Pond

and back.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of Harold Parker State Forest

• Walden Pond State Reservation - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (self-guided)

915 Walden Street, Concord

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NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE
G.L.c. 190B, §3-306
Docket No. MI24P6154EA

Estate of: Joseph L. Palmieri
Date of Death:
February 01, 2023

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate, and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on October 22, 2024 that the Petitioner **Joseph M. Palmieri** of **Wilmington MA**, **Stacey McCormack** of **Derry NH** intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of Will

Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond **Joseph M. Palmieri** of **Wilmington MA**, **Stacey McCormack** of **Derry NH**

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

Docket No. SU18P2253PM

In the matter of:
Ruth Vetrano
Of: **Tewksbury, MA**
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **2nd Annual account(s) of Agespan of Danvers, MA** as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M., on the return date of **01/17/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 16, 2024

Stephanie Everett,
Register of Probate

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Local students graduate Fitchburg State University

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University recently held the winter ceremony of its 128th commencement exercises, conferring hundreds of graduate and undergraduate degrees.

It was the first ceremony for Dr. Donna Hodge, who joined the Fitchburg State campus this summer as its 12th president.

"Today, I am filled with profound pride and gratitude," she told graduates and guests at the ceremony, which was held in the university's Athletics and Recreation Center. "This marks my inaugural semester as president of this

esteemed institution, and it is an honor to witness this pivotal milestone in your academic journeys. I am particularly humbled to serve as the first woman president in Fitchburg State's 130-year history. You are my first graduating class, among some of the first students I met upon my arrival this summer, and officially tonight, you have all become part of my own story. Our historic moment underscores the progress we have achieved as a university committed to equity, inclusion, and the pursuit of excellence."

She cited individual students who had made an impact on her as a newcomer to campus, as well as the collective narrative of challenges surmounted, ambitions realized, and aspirations pursued.

"Many among you have balanced the rigors of academic study with professional commitments, internships, familial responsibilities, and community engagement," Hodge said. "For some, this achievement represents a groundbreaking first within your families, forging a legacy for future generations. Your resilience and intellectual curiosity have been exem-

plary, and today we recognize not only your accomplishments but also the fortitude that has propelled you to this moment."

She urged the graduates to acknowledge those who had supported them along their journeys, and to embody the principles of intellectual curiosity, moral courage, and compassionate leadership in their future pursuits.

"The world awaits your intellectual contributions, your creativity, and your principled leadership," Hodge said. "More importantly, the world requires your dedication to the pursuit of truth, your commitment to fostering

equity, and your resolve to effectuate positive change. Never ever underestimate your capacity to influence and transform the world."

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on Thursday, **January 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing

to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed removal is a resident request to remove a tree.

The location of the town tree affected is (1) multi-stemmed Elm at 390 Pleasant Street.

Objections can be made in writing at the time of the hearing or sent to the attention of the Tree Warden at the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 prior to the hearing.

Kevin Hardiman, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Tree Warden

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI23P5417EA

Estate of:
Robert Rocco Scarano
Also known as:
Robert R. Scarano,
Bob R. Scarano
Date of Death: **03/24/2023**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Frances C. Bernard** of **Wilmington MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Frances C. Bernard** of **Wilmington MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/23/2025**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Lug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 26, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A CONSERVATOR

Docket No. SU18P2253PM

In the Interests of:
Ruth Vetrano
Of: **Tewksbury, MA**
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by AgeSpan F/K/A Elder Services of Danvers, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Conservator of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good

cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/16/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 16, 2024

Stephanie Everett,
Register of Probate

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Fire on Woburn Street, Tewksbury

Police block off Woburn Street on Saturday morning as multiple fire departments responded to a large blaze. 464 Woburn Street, Tewksbury, a commercial garage, houses several automotive businesses. According to reports, five bays were damaged, but thanks to a wall between the units, the fire spared the rest of the building.

(Paige Impink photo)

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October update suggested better 8th, 9th grade retention and overall enrollment

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ered in January, and the committee agreed to have new holidays on Nov. 5 for the presidential election and Dec. 23.

High school principal Ryan Gendron shared the proposal for the high school in January to change to an 8.0 schedule with a power block, which would allow students to fit another elective course into their schedule and maximize staffing. He presented updates in October about how the new schedule was working.

Gendron also proposed edits to the WHS handbook approved in June and announced the advanced placement test results in September.

In February, Alice Brown-LeGrand explained some of the changes made in special education for staffing, procedures, interventions, and IEP forms as a result of a full program review. Brown-LeGrand returned in April to discuss the updates to the IEP form and special education tiered focus monitoring.

Middle school principal Jeanette Quirk shared a presentation on the School Advisory Council improvement plan involving communication, reviews of schedule and attendance policies, examining the existing schedule, and

aligning vertically with the high school. Quirk returned in April to describe the goals and success of the new advisory block.

She also provided updates to the middle school handbook in June which were approved. A new student-led climate improvement program premiered for the middle school titled "No Place for Hate."

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott presented on a new elementary literacy pilot in January which the committee approved. She provided a three-year plan for improving disparities in student group achievement, according to the Student Opportunity Act and information about the Parent/Guardian University in March. In April, the committee heard about plans for summer enrichment programs, and they received MCAS results in October.

Athletics Director Dennis Ingram provided an athletics update in March. The committee received information about school choice also in March, but they declined to participate in school choice again this year, following the recommendation provided by the superintendent.

Also in April, the committee received transportation updates and an

expectations document for families regarding the bus.

The superintendent's evaluation took place in June, where he was rated as having met expectations proficiently and satisfactorily performed his overall duties. His 2024-2025 goals presented in September included pursuing a safety audit, participating in the small district superintendent track academy program, and the MSBA project.

A new technology plan was proposed in June, and in October they launched a working group around cell phone use at school. The committee discussed school safety down to the evacuation plan, fire code, and door locks during a September meeting. September also saw the new school year transportation update on school drop-off and pickup.

Mike Mercaldi prepared a discussion on education funding for the next fiscal year and potential grants to consider in October. The committee also prepared their edits to resolutions for the annual MASC conference in October and received results later that month.

Director of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero delivered regular budget and enrollment updates, and the October update suggested improved 8th-9th grade

retention and overall enrollment increasing this year.

Wellness updates were received in November highlighting a focus on farm-to-table into the nutrition program, a new form for nurse review of food in the classroom, and practice-based health curriculum. A security audit program was selected in November as well, and Brand suggested the district adopt a policy for closing school grounds during school hours in December.

Brand premiered the preliminary fiscal year 2026 budget in December with a proposed increase of 5.32% from this current year, the total budget being \$52,074,445. This was largely driven by out-of-district transportation and tuition costs, contractual responsibilities, and increasing student needs and expansion of services.

They received updates from student representatives from the middle and high school throughout the year about various clubs, sports, teams, events, projects, and fundraising events. Seniors presented on their internships and exploration projects in June. The committee also updated their own policies at various times and approved a number of field trips and receipt of grants.

Relocation of various utilities biggest obstacle to project

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tative explained.

"Jay Duran met with our supervisor out there and is asking for a continuance [because the state has assigned a new contact person for the project]. I just need a little more time on this one," Cuddy added.

City officials spent decades lobbying the state for funding to rebuild the New Boston Street bridge, which will reconnect an isolated industrial district in North Woburn to the nearby Anderson Regional Transportation Center and nearby access to I-93.

The original New Boston Street Bridge, which connected the industrial area in North Woburn to East Woburn by Commerce Way, was destroyed in a fire nearly a half-century ago.

The new bridge is expected to divert as many as 17,000 vehicles per day away from smaller residential side streets in North Woburn and neighborhoods in nearby Wilmington that lead to the industrial district.

Last August, during a "Town Hall" forum in City Hall, Mayor Michael Cannon predicted that construction activity by the bridge will accelerate dramatically in 2025. At the time, the relocation of various utilities — including

area electrical, gas, and water and sewer infrastructure — was described as the biggest obstacle to forging ahead with the project.

The new bridge will consist of a pair of 11-foot wide travel lanes and 5-foot wide shoulders. It will also include 5.5-foot wide sidewalks on either side of the structure that are separated by a safety guardrail. State officials will also reconstruct approximately 1,850 linear feet of New Boston Street, where various drainage channels and stormwater culverts will also be upgraded.

Since the bridge was destroyed nearly a half-century ago, the industrial zone along New Boston Street has become a major employment center. In fact, according to a 2017 Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) study commissioned by the city, the isolated North Woburn corridor is now home to some 370 businesses that employ more than 5,000 people.

The MAPC analysis predicted that the bridge project, once completed, will trigger a new wave of development in the industrial zone, which now largely consists of single-story warehouse and manufacturing facilities.

MBTA multi-family overlay district kept Board busy all year

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cases in October. They voted to table the extension request for 90 Eames St. case in December.

From February, the Eagleview drive subdivision was continued and the public hearings for 181 & 187 Ballardvale St. and 99 Fordham Road respective site plan review and stormwater management permit began. The applicants on Ballardvale Street intended to consolidate lots and build a third building, and the public hearing concluded with approval in June.

The Fordham Road property was proposed by RMLD to reduce energy during off-peak times. Eagleview Drive and 99 Fordham Road were withdrawn in May.

The board received complaints about construction on Darby Lane which they brought to the developer in February and again in June and July. In July, they specifically discussed what counts as "work" to establish that sitting in the truck at the site before working hours is allowed, but the intent of the rule is to prohibit construction noise outside of working hours.

March brought a joint public meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss proposed articles for Town Meeting. The first

was to vote to accept Green Meadow Drive; the second was the MBTA communities multi-family overlay district; the third proposed to rezone a property on Edgewood Street to R-20; and the fourth was to dispose of town-owned land on Molloy Road.

Gingrich presented the current plan for the overlay district. After this, the Planning Board voted on their recommendations for each article and voted to recommend all four. One proposed article which they would've discussed that night was ultimately withdrawn by the applicant.

The Planning Board welcomed new members Emma Battaglia and Deanne Craig in May following Town Meeting. They re-elected Terence Bolland to chair and Sean Hennigan to the clerk position.

271 Main St. began a new site plan review, groundwater protection district special permit, and stormwater management permit in May, and an employee from TEC presented, before it was ultimately continued through August. 36 Nassau Ave's site plan review was approved in May to replace equipment on the water tank, but a request from the same applicant to add antennas at 6 Waltham St. was continued from May to July at

which point it was approved.

619 Main Street's site plan review, stormwater management permit, and groundwater protection district special permit was approved in June for the removal of 6,100 square feet of impervious area. The board continued a request for a parking relief special permit for 38 Upton Drive and an 81G application for 11 Commonwealth Avenue in June and approved both in July.

A Form A was accepted for 38 Upton Drive also. A new 81G for Rhodes Street began in July and was continued.

They also began planning for the special Town Meeting in June, and Gingrich provided that they would have three separate articles for the meeting in this regard. Also in preparation for the Dec. 7 Town Meeting, they held a joint public hearing with the Finance Committee in October to discuss the articles proposed: article one proposing the multi-family overlay district; article two to clarify in the by-law that the Planning Board site plan review resulted either in approval or approval with conditions; and article three to require 15 percent affordable in the multi-family zoning district.

The board endorsed all

three of these articles.

Site plan review began for 388 Main St. in July to make improvements to the exterior wiring. Site plan review and stormwater management permit public hearing for installing a loading rack and storage tanks at 36 Jonspin Road was continued in October, along with site plan review, stormwater management permit, and parking

relief special permit for 21A Concord St. proposing renovation of an existing two-story building.

226 Lowell Street's site plan review and stormwater management permit were approved in October. 100-110 Fordham Road's site plan review and stormwater management permit were approved in October.

A site plan review, stormwater management per-

mit, and groundwater protection district special permit for 685 Main Street had a public hearing in December continued to January.

The board approved site plan review waivers for 269 Main St., 46 Jonspin Road, 39 Concord St., and 685 Main St. throughout the year.

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Board did not support multi-family zoning

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hire Eric Slagle who started in June.

In April, they received a DPW update on the plan for the Lowell Street fields. DPW Director Jamie Magaldi wrote to the board in June proposing a change in the cost to recycle white goods through the town, where the new cost would be \$25 per sticker instead of \$10. The board voted for the change to apply in October.

In May the board reorganized, and Greg Bendel was voted to be the next chair. The board also announced that Judy O'Connell was hired as the assistant town manager in May. They received a candidate for finance director/town accountant in August after the departure of Bryan Peery, and they eventually hired Stephanie Frontiera.

One of the board's most exciting moments took place at their July meeting, where residents showed up to comment on the construction at the new town hall parking lot. Residents stated that the parking lot was being extended into land that they had been considering part of their backyards.

The board's response assured the residents that the town would not seek any penalty against them for this and that the town manager would meet with them to discuss their expectations for the future.

The board received a presentation on the Wildwood Elementary School building project in August and other updates throughout the year. In October, the board supported an Eagle Scout project and received presentations on the donation of a mechanical chest compression unit and a Cummings Foundation Grant to support a full-time therapist.

November brought the annual tax classification vote where the board voted for a 175% shift of the tax

levy which would allow residential to pay less of the tax levy than what they make up of value. The board approved the Santa Parade and supported Toys for Tots. They also approved a number of licenses in 2024.

The board members began sharing their opposition to the HLC guidelines requirement for a multi-family zoning district in town in April before Town Meeting and continued to oppose it at the special Town Meeting in December. They reviewed the special Town Meeting warrant in September.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich returned to the board in October to explain updates to the multi-family zoning proposal. The overall opinion of the board members said that the work of the Planning and Conservation Department was good, but they would not vote in favor of the proposal.

At their December meeting, they discussed the results of the special Town Meeting where residents did not approve the creation of the zoning district, and the town manager was already preparing for the town to be sued by the attorney general.

Space requests that they approved included the polar plunge on town beach, 4th of July building parking lot use for drive thru donations, outside band and summer concerts, 8th grade graduation, senior class barbeque, flag retirement ceremony, car washes, farmer's market, and National Night Out.

Salute to Services throughout the year to end their meetings recognized veterans Michael Kelley, Lawman Johnson, Robert Ciacio, Charles Gill, Donald Monroe, Ralph Belmonte, Paul Farro, Adam Boyd, Daniel Ballou, Russell Edwards, Kenneth Kane, Shane Foley, Allen Russo, Robert Callahan, and all veterans.



DPW keeping Wilmington free from litter

Wilmington DPW crews caught up on some roadside litter removal just prior to the holidays, as part of their obligations to the environment and the community to keep Wilmington clean. Organizing community clean ups is always welcomed, as litter is everyone's responsibility. Call their office to inquire.

(Courtesy photo)

Energy assistance available through multiple programs

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April 30, 2025. An application can be made at any time during the season and the benefits are retroactive.

In addition to fuel assistance, programs are also available for weatherization, heating system repair and replacement, and appliance management. For weatherization, insulation, weather stripping, air sealing, and other services are available to improve the energy efficiency of your home.

Heating system repair is a year-round program

that serves income-eligible households with heating system repair, replacement and maintenance services. And the appliance management program works in partnership with National Grid and Eversource.

The program performs energy audits and can replace certain appliances that are inoperable or inefficient, like refrigerators, freezers, window air conditioners, washing machines, and dehumidifiers.

Eligibility for these programs is based on household size and the gross annual income of

every household member over the age of 18. Household income cannot exceed 60 percent of estimated State Median Income for the number of persons in a household.

For example, for one person, income cannot exceed \$49,196 in 2025. For a family of four, income cannot exceed \$94,608. The table can be referenced at <https://www.masscap.org/eligibility-requirements-heating-assistance/>.

If you are not sure, call your local agency. Contact Community Teamwork at www.commteam.org or call: (978) 459-0551.

It is easy to sign up and answer some online questions to see if your household qualifies.

There are other funds available to help save on heating costs. Limited income households who are not eligible for fuel assistance can utilize The Good Neighbor Energy Fund. They can be reached at 1-800-334-3047 or www.magoodneighbor.org/assistance.html. And Masssave.com provides help with energy costs and assessments. A free home energy assessment can be scheduled through the website.



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2022 Honda Civic Sport Sedan \$22,798
H241264, Auto., Platinum White, 13K miles

2022 Honda Civic LX Sedan \$22,998
H250471, Auto., Crystal Black, 13K miles

2023 Honda Civic Sport Sedan \$22,998
H250575, Auto., Lunar Silver, 26K miles

2022 Honda HRV EX AWD \$23,498
H250500, Auto., Platinum White, 31K miles

2023 Honda HRV EX-L AWD \$23,998
H2507681, Auto., Platinum White, 50K miles

2019 Toyota Highlander XLE AWD \$24,498
H241298, Auto., Midnight Blue, 101K miles

2021 Mazda CX5 Touring AWD \$24,698
H250634, Auto., Black, 19K miles

2021 Ford Edge ST AWD \$25,498
H412971, Auto., Iconic Silver, 79K miles

2017 Chevy Tahoe LT 4WD \$26,998
H250871, Auto., Gray, 90K miles

2023 Honda HRV Sport AWD \$27,498
H241340, Auto., Nordic Forest Pearl, 22K miles

2018 Honda Odyssey Elite \$27,998
H250527, Auto., Lunar Silver, 67K miles

2022 Subaru Outback Ltd. XT SUV \$27,998
H2502121, Auto., White, 47K miles

2022 Honda CRV EX AWD \$28,498
H241372, Auto., Aegean Blue, 22K miles

2022 Honda CRV EX-L AWD \$28,998
HP7860, Auto., Lunar Silver, 35K miles

2022 Honda CRV EX-L AWD \$28,998
HP7852, Auto., Platinum White, 43K miles

2017 Toyota Tacoma Crewcab \$28,998
H250612, Limited, Auto., Barcelona Red, 71K mi.

2022 Honda Accord Hybrid \$29,998
H250720, Touring Sedan, Platinum White, 35K mi.

2022 Honda CRV EX-L AWD \$30,498
H241387, Auto., Modern Steel, 14K miles

2021 Toyota Highlander LE AWD \$31,998
H2504191, Auto., Black, 25K miles

2022 Honda CRV Touring Hybrid \$31,998
HP7861, AWD, Auto., Modern Steel, 15K miles

2024 Audi A3 Quattro Sport Pkg. \$32,498
H250490, Auto., Blue, 6K miles

2021 Toyota Rav 4 Prime Hybrid \$32,998
H241348, Auto., Magnetic Gray, 58K miles

2022 Honda Odyssey EX-L \$32,998
H250827, Auto., Modern Steel, 38K miles

2020 Honda Ridgeline RTL-E AWD \$32,998
H241283, Auto., Platinum White, 19K miles

2021 Jeep Wrangler Willys Unltd. \$33,998
H2504971, Sport, Auto., Firecracker Red, 24K mi.

2022 Honda Pilot TrailSPORT \$35,498
HP7857, Auto., Lunar Silver, 28K miles

2023 Mercedes CLA 4Matic \$36,698
H250688, Auto., Mountain Gray Met., 9K miles

2022 Toyota Tacoma TRD Offroad \$36,998
H250785, Auto., Barcelona Red, 26K miles

2021 Toyota Highlander Limited \$37,998
H241395, AWD, Auto., Blueprint, 16K miles

2024 Honda Ridgeline Sport AWD \$38,998
NV0748240748, Auto., Platinum White, 5K miles

2022 Toyota Sienna LE AWD \$38,998
H250839, Auto., Cypress, 27K miles

2024 Honda Odyssey Elite \$44,998
H250698, Auto., Lunar Silver, 10K miles

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